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**ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**  
**JUSTICE BUILDING**  
**RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice  
The Supreme Court of North Carolina  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.


Without the responsible work of many persons across the State this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Franklin E. Freeman, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.  
*Director*

February, 1984



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## **PART I**

# **THE 1982-1983 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW**





## THE 1982-83 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1982 and ended June 30, 1983.

### The Workload of the Courts

As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 209 compared with 241 filed during 1981-82. A total of 538 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 681 in 1981-82; and 74 petitions were allowed compared with 75 in 1981-82.

For the Court of Appeals for 1982-83, case filings were 1,398 compared with 1,413 for the 1981-82 year. Petitions in 1982-83 totalled 483, compared with 581 during the 1981-82 year.

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 1.1%, to a total of 85,488 in 1982-83, compared with 84,571 cases in 1981-82. Superior court case dispositions also increased, to a total of 84,797, compared with 82,165 in 1981-82. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the total number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 691, or 0.8%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*, and detailed information on the case-loads in the 100 counties and 34 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1982-83 was 1,445,571, an increase of 24,262 cases (1.7%) from 1981-82 filings of 1,421,307 cases. The only area of the district court caseload to register an increase in 1982-83 over the previous fiscal year was the motor vehicle criminal case category, which had total filings of 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.5% over the 677,247 cases filed in 1981-82. There was a 2.9% drop in civil case filings from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. There was a small increase of 248 cases in the domestic relations category.

### 1983 Legislative Highlights

#### Constitutional Amendment

The General Assembly approved a proposed constitutional amendment to provide that district attorneys and the Attorney General must be authorized to practice law in North Carolina. This proposed amendment will be on the ballot for voter approval at the November, 1984 general election (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).

#### Service As Emergency Judge

The number of years of service a retired judge or justice must have to be eligible to serve as an emergency judge or

justice was reduced from 15 to 12 (Chapter 784, 1983 Session Laws).

### Pay Increases

Funds were appropriated for a five percent pay increase for officials and employees of the Judicial Department, as was provided for State employees generally. The freeze on merit increases was continued. Longevity pay for elected officials in the Judicial Department was provided for the first time, with justices and judges to receive 4.8% if they have at least five years' service as a justice or judge and 9.6% if they have at least ten years' service. For the 83-84 fiscal year, clerks of court and district attorneys will receive a 4.8% longevity payment if they have at least five years of service in that elected office. Effective July 1, 1984, they will receive 9.6% longevity payment if they have at least ten years' service in office.

### Increase In Court Costs

As recommended by the North Carolina Courts Commission, there was a general revision of the court fees; the first since 1965. The estimated increase in annual total revenue from court fees is about \$10 million (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).

### Increase In Pay for Juror Service

The pay for jury service was increased from \$8 to \$12 a day, for petit jury service; and from \$2 to \$6 a day for special proceedings (\$10 per day if the special proceeding lasts more than half a day).

### Appeal of Rate Cases

Legislation was enacted to implement an amendment to the State Constitution which was approved by the voters in 1982. This change allows direct appeal of general rate decisions from the Utilities Commission to the N.C. Supreme Court (by-passing the Court of Appeals) (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).

### Conference of District Attorneys

A Conference of District Attorneys was established, to consist of all elected district attorneys. The Conference is authorized to employ an executive secretary, and has an appropriation of about \$90,000 for the 1983-84 year.

### Indigent Defense

As recommended by the Courts Commission, a separate line item is contained in the 1983-84 appropriation act for indigent defense costs, instead of this being an item in the Judicial Department budget.

There was an enactment to require the court to order parents to pay for a minor's legal services where the parents are financially able to do so (Chapter 726, 1983

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Session Laws). The Administrative Office of the Courts was directed to implement statewide a guardian *ad litem* program for juveniles (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).

### **N. C. Courts Commission**

The Courts Commission was restructured, to have 24 voting members, with six members each appointed by the Speaker, the President of the Senate, the Governor, and the Chief Justice. The Governor continues to appoint the chairman. (Chapter 774, 1983 Session Laws).

### **Revision of Evidence Law**

A comprehensive revision of the evidence statutes was enacted by the 1983 General Assembly (Chapter 701, 1983 Session Laws). These changes were recommended by the Legislative Research Commission, which had been authorized to undertake a study of evidence laws by prior resolutions of the General Assembly.

### **Administration of Estates by Affidavit**

The size of small estates that may be administered by affidavit to the clerk of superior court was increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws). The amount of indebtedness owed a decedent that can be paid to the clerk for administration was increased from \$2,000 to \$5,000 (Chapter 65, 1983 Session Laws).

### **Waiver of Trial for Minor Boating, Hunting and Fishing Violations**

Effective January 1, 1984, minor boating, hunting and fishing citations may be handled as are minor traffic violations, on written waiver of trial and entry of plea of guilty in accord with a uniform schedule of fines adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. (Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws). This eliminates the necessity for such persons to appear personally in court to enter pleas of guilty.

### **Speedy Trial Laws**

The 120-day speedy trial requirement was made permanent, instead of a scheduled reduction to 90 days; and the exclusion of district court cases from the speedy-trial law was made permanent. Further, the 120-day requirement does not apply in a county that has fewer than eight regularly scheduled criminal or mixed weekly sessions of superior court each year (Chapter 571, 1983 Session Laws).

### **Appropriations for Judicial Department**

At the regular 1983 Session, the General Assembly approved the following appropriations directly to the Judicial Department: \$89,201,205 for the 1983-84 year and \$87,181,828 for the 1984-85 year, for operations of the Judicial Department; and \$14,106,078 for the 1983-84 year, and \$12,931,431 for the 1984-85 year, for indigent defense fees. A portion (\$2,785,856) of the 83-84 amount for indigent defense fees was for payment for services in the latter part of the 1982-83 fiscal year.

## **PART II**

# **COURT SYSTEM ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

- **Historical Development of Court System**
- **Present Court System**
- **Organization and Operations in 1982-83**





# HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

## Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature", which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactment were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

## After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little

distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court of Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County Court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

## After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime". The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (including the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — The County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the indi-



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vidual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

### Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 21 solicitorial districts. The 38 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county criminal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up

to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

### Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th century counties.

### After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recommendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the

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three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this

significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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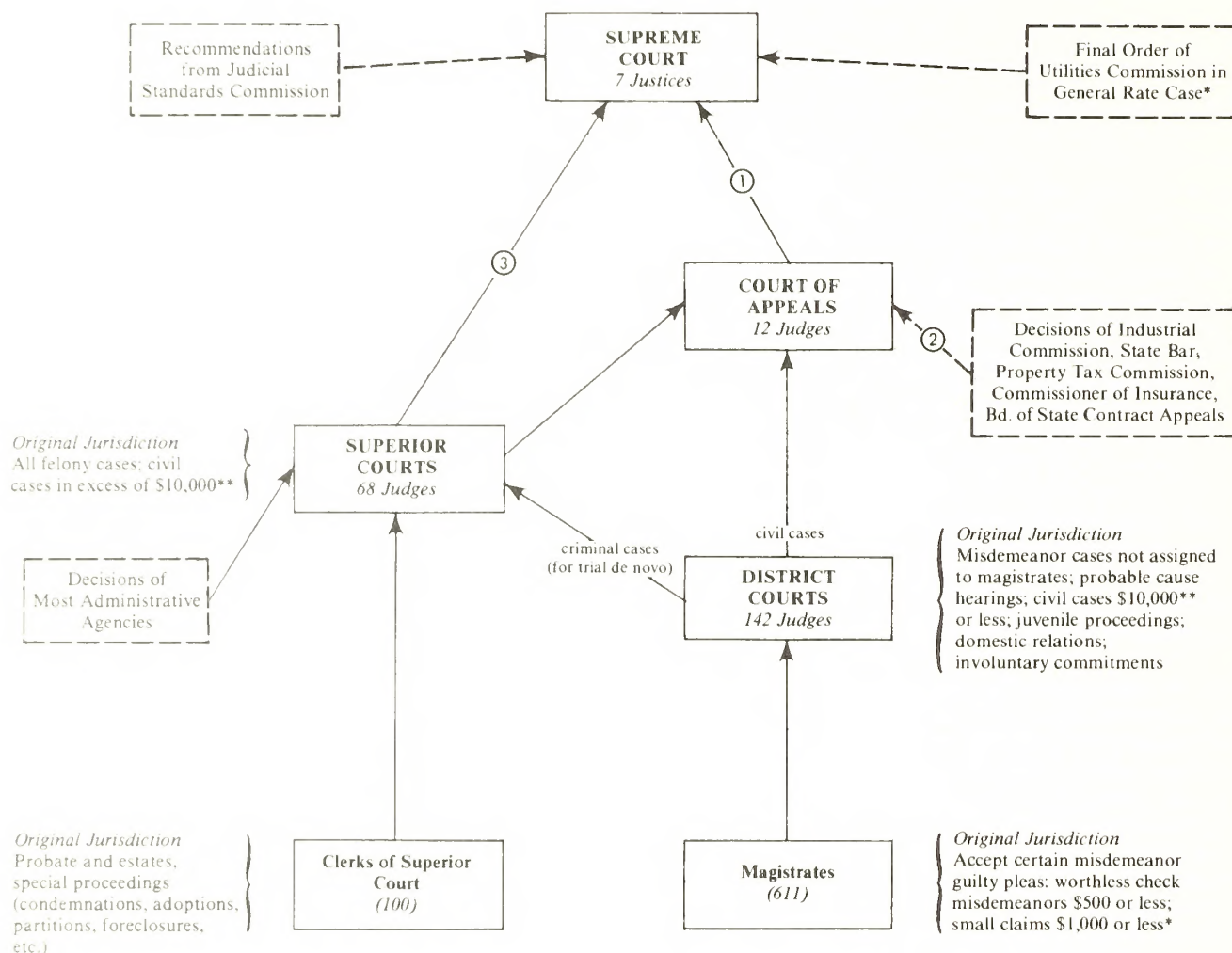
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# THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

## Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal



- (1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.
- (2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.
- (3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

\*Effective July 1, 1983, appeals in general rate cases go directly to Supreme Court instead of Court of Appeals.

\*\*The district and superior courts have concurrent original jurisdiction in civil actions (G.S. 7A-242). However, the district court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less; and the superior court division is the proper division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000 (G.S. 7A-243).



## THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which “shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division.”

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (34 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are co-terminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county “who shall be officers of the district court.”

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, “judicial department,” stating that “The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article.” The terms, “General Court of Justice” and “Judicial Department” are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina’s system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

### Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, “probable cause” hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts’ judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed

to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

### Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and are the “proper” courts for general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. If the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates’ decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount in controversy is more than \$10,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

### Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the “general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice.” (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice’s administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State’s rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for

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each of the State's 34 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, along with other administrative responsibilities.

The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel services, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provi-

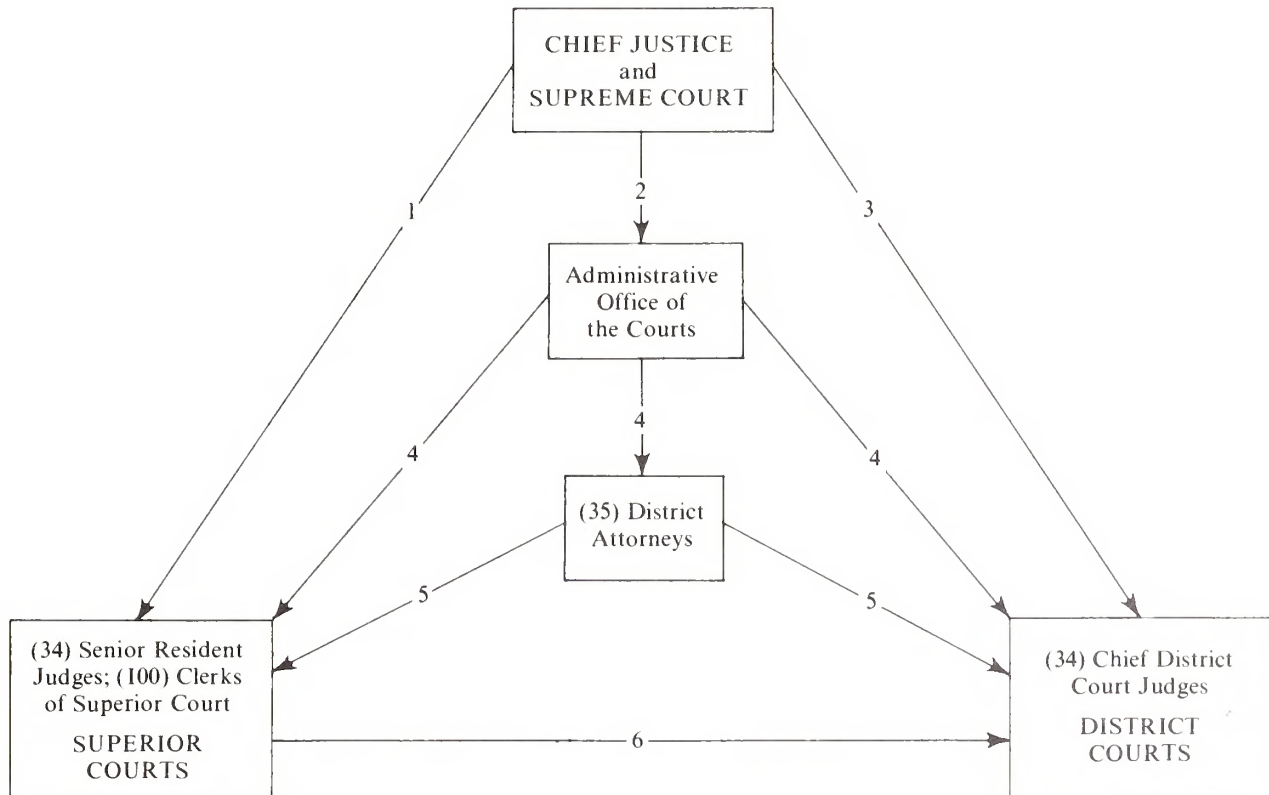
sion of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.



## THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

### Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



<sup>1</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

<sup>2</sup>The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

<sup>3</sup>The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 34 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

<sup>4</sup>The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

<sup>5</sup>The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

<sup>6</sup>In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

# THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

*Chief Justice*  
JOSEPH BRANCH

*Associate Justices*

J. WILLIAM COPELAND	
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WILLIAM H. BOBBITT  
SUSIE SHARP

*Retired Justices*

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I. BEVERLY LAKE	
DAN K. MOORE	

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DAVID M. BRITT

*Clerk*  
J. Gregory Wallace

*Librarian*  
Frances H. Hall

\*As of 30 June 1983.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The Supreme Court

At the apex of the North Carolina court system is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases on appeal. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by the voters of the State. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court does not sit in panels. It sits only *en banc*, that is, all members sitting on each case.

#### Jurisdiction

The only original case jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is in the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (cases involving substantial constitutional questions and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- cases on appeal by right from the Utilities Commission (cases involving final order or decision in a general rate matter);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. However, most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

#### Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice and procedure for the trial

court divisions, consistent with any rules enacted by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court Library, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the district judges in each of the State's 34 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and he is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission—a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

#### Operations of the Court, 1982-83

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1982-83 fiscal year amounted to \$1,464,289, an increase of 7.2% over total 1981-82 expenditures of \$1,365,955. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1982-83 constituted 1.5% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 331 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the fiscal year, including 122 cases pending on July 1, 1982 and 209 cases filed during the year. A total of 188 appealed cases were disposed of, with 143 cases remaining pending on June 30, 1983.

A total of 651 petitions (requests to appeal) were before the Court during the 1982-83 year, with 563 petitions disposed of and 88 pending as of June 30, 1983.

More detailed data on the Court's workload is presented on the following pages.



# ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

## Supreme Court Caseload Inventory

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<b>Petitions for Review</b>				
Civil domestic	7	20	23	4
Juvenile	2	2	4	0
Other civil	45	154	162	37
Criminal	32	204	209	27
Postconviction remedy	17	114	123	8
Administrative agency decision	10	44	42	12
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>538</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>Appeals</b>				
Civil domestic	0	2	2	0
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	3	2	5	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	0	1	0
Other civil	10	20	20	10
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	17	29	30	16
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	9	14	5	18
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	47	74	56	65
Other criminal	13	20	24	9
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	8	24	20	12
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	2	1	1	2
Administrative agency decision	8	11	15	4
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	4	12	9	7
<b>Total appeals</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>143</b>
<b>Other Proceedings</b>				
Extraordinary writs	3	70	71	2
Advisory opinion	0	0	0	0
Rule amendments	0	4	4	0
Motions	13	350	360	3
<b>Total other proceedings</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>5</b>

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Submission of Cases Reaching Decision Stage July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

#### Cases Argued

Civil	70
Criminal	103
<b>Total cases argued</b>	<b>173</b>

#### Submissions Without Argument

By motion of the parties (Appellate Rule 30 (d))	10
By order of the Court (Appellate Rule 30 (f))	0
<b>Total submissions without argument</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Total Cases Reaching Decision Stage</b>	<b>183</b>
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### Disposition of Petitions and Other Proceedings by the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

<b>Petitions for Review</b>	<b>Granted</b>	<b>Denied</b>	<b>Dismissed/ Withdrawn</b>	<b>Total Disposed</b>
Civil Domestic	2	20	1	23
Juvenile	0	4	0	4
Other Civil	29	132	1	162
Criminal	29	180	0	209
Postconviction Remedy	2	85	36	123
Administrative Agency Decision	12	30	0	42
<b>Total Petitions for Review</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>563</b>

#### Other Proceedings

Extraordinary Writs	17	54	0	71
Rule Amendments				4
Advisory Opinion				0
Motions				360
<b>Total Other Proceedings</b>				<b>435</b>

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals With Published Opinion

Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	2	0	1	3	0	6
Juvenile	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other civil	7	7	2	17	1	34
Criminal (death sentence)	4	0	0	1	0	5
Criminal (life sentence)	36	1	0	11	3	51
Other criminal	3	3	7	13	0	26
Postconviction remedy	1	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative agency decision	5	2	4	7	0	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>142</b>

### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals with Per Curiam Decision

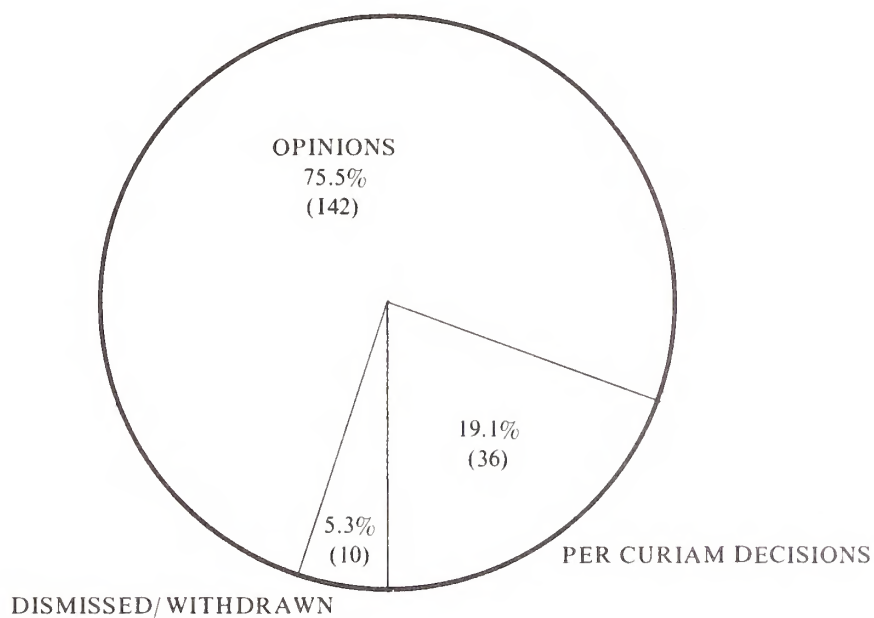
Case Types	Affirmed	Modified	Reversed	Reversed Remanded	Remanded	Total Disposed
Civil domestic	1	0	0	0	0	1
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other civil	10	2	0	1	0	13
Criminal (death sentence)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal (life sentence)	2	0	1	0	2	5
Other criminal	11	1	1	0	0	13
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0
Administrative agency decision	2	0	1	1	0	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>

### Disposition of Supreme Court Appeals by Dismissal or Withdrawal

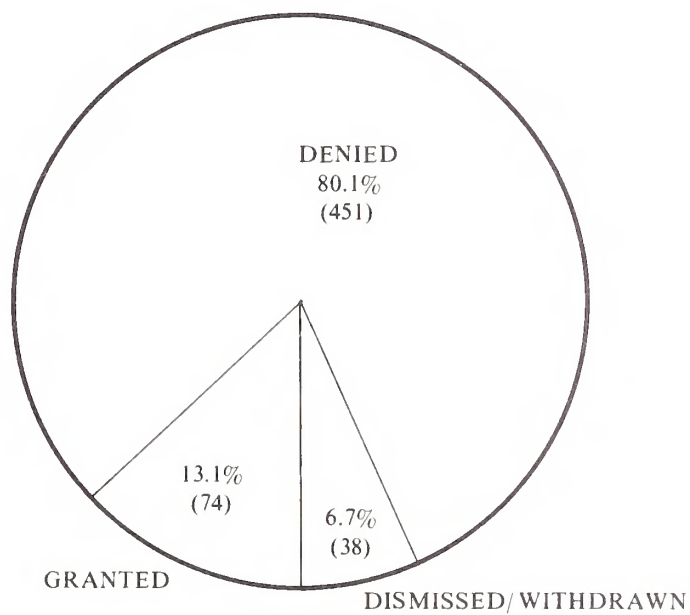
Case Types	Dismissed or Withdrawn
Civil domestic	0
Juvenile	0
Other Civil	3
Criminal (death sentence)	0
Criminal (life sentence)	0
Other criminal	5
Postconviction remedy	0
Administrative agency decision	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Manner of Disposition of Appeals in the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983



### Type of Disposition of Petitions in the Supreme Court July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983





# ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

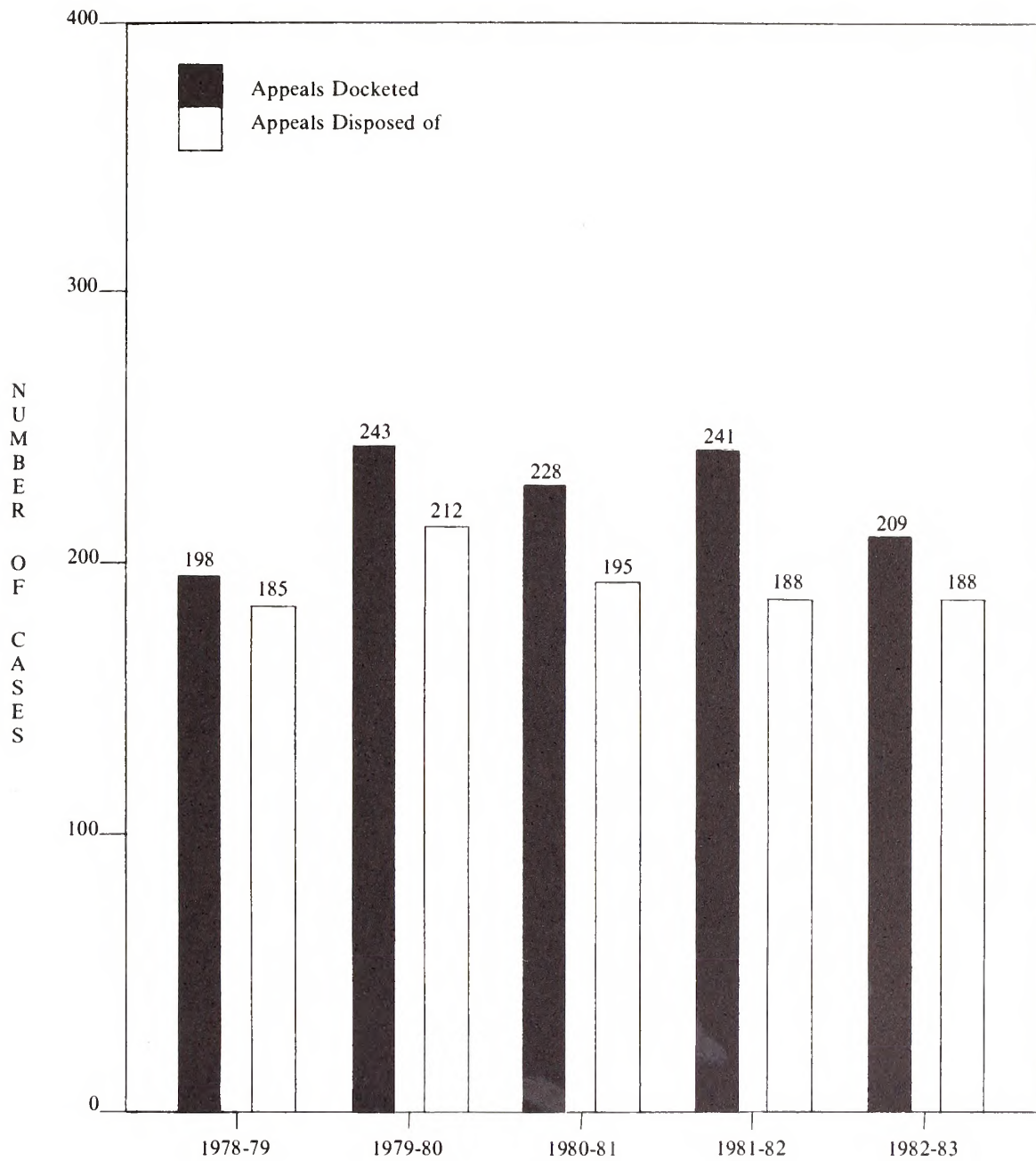
## Number of Supreme Court Pending Cases By Status and Age as of June 30, 1983

Case Types	Not Ready for Oral Argument or Submission														
	Awaiting Record* (Pre-Docketing) (from cognizance)			Awaiting Appellant's Brief (from docketing)			Awaiting Appellee's Brief (from docketing)			Ready for Oral Argument (from docketing)			Pending Decision (Argued) (from date argued)		
	0-60 Days	61-150 Days	>150 Days	0-20 Days	20-40 Days	>40 Days	0-40 Days	41-60 Days	>60 Days	0-60 Days	61-90 Days	>90 Days	0-90 Days	91-150 Days	>150 Days
Civil domestic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Civil	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	1	6	6	4
Criminal (death sentence)	2	2	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	1
Criminal (life sentence)	7	5	4	6	3	3	0	2	2	0	4	5	20	2	2
Other criminal	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	5	4	1	2	1	2
Postconviction remedy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Administrative agency decision	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1
<b>Total Appeals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>
															<b>143</b>

\*A status of Awaiting Record is applicable only in cases in which the defendant was sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

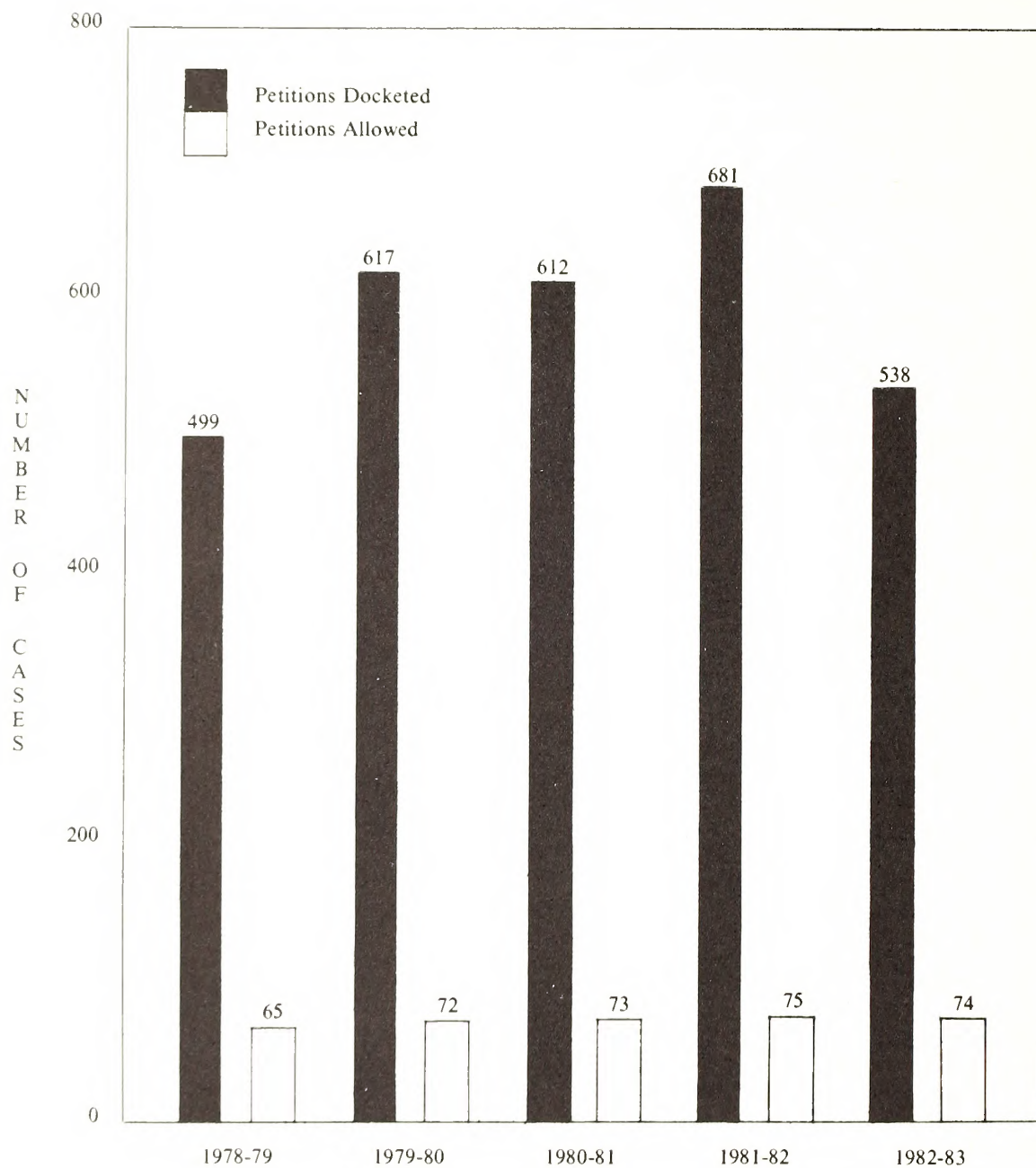
## NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Appeals Docketed and Disposed of During the Years, 1978-79—1982-83



## NORTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT

### Petitions Docketed and Allowed During the Years, 1978-79—1982-83



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Supreme Court Processing Time for Disposed Cases (Total time in days from docketing to decision) July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number of Cases	Median	Mean
Civil domestic	2	—	147.5
Petitions for review granted that became civil domestic appeals	5	200	210.0
Juvenile	0	0	0.0
Petitions for review granted that became juvenile appeals	1	180	180.0
Other civil	20	155	214.1
Petitions for review granted that became other civil appeals	30	155	203.6
Criminal, defendant sentenced to death	5	315	307.0
Criminal, defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	56	185	201.9
Other criminal	24	135	159.7
Petitions for review granted that became other criminal appeals	20	140	156.3
Petitions for review granted that became postconviction remedy cases	1	260	260.0
Administrative agency decision	15	150	160.5
Petitions for review granted that became appeals of administrative agency decision	9	165	174.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>192.5</b>

# THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA\*

*Chief Judge*  
EARL W. VAUGHN

<i>Judges</i>	
R.A. HEDRICK	CHARLES L. BECTON
GERALD ARNOLD	CLIFTON E. JOHNSON
JOHN WEBB	E. MAURICE BRASWELL
HUGH A. WELLS	EUGENE H. PHILLIPS
CECIL J. HILL	SIDNEY S. EAGLES, JR.
WILLIS P. WHICHARD	

*Retired Chief Judge*  
NAOMI E. MORRIS

<i>Retired Judges</i>	
HUGH B. CAMPBELL	EDWARD B. CLARK
FRANK M. PARKER	ROBERT M. MARTIN

*Clerk*  
FRANCIS E. DAIL

\*As of 30 June 1983



## **ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83**

### **The Court of Appeals**

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Judge responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

#### **Jurisdiction**

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar; and the Commissioner of Insurance; the State Board of Contract Appeals; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

#### **Expenses of the Court, 1982-83**

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$2,025,252, an increase of 4.1% over 1981-82 expenditures of \$1,945,081. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1982-83 amounted to 2.2% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1981-82 fiscal year.

#### **Case Data, 1982-83**

A total of 1,398 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during the period, July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1983. A total of 1,186 cases were disposed of during the same period. During the same year, a total of 483 petitions and 1,673 motions were filed before the Court of Appeals.

Further detail on the workload of the Court of Appeals is shown in the tables and graph on the following pages.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Cases on Appeal	Filings	Dispositions
Civil cases appealed from district courts	283	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	513	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	60	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	542	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>1,186</b>
<b>Petitions</b>		
Allowed		73
Denied		386
Remanded		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>460</b>
<b>Motions</b>		
Allowed		1,221
Denied		468
Remanded		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>1,691</b>
<b>Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions</b>	<b>3,554</b>	<b>3,337</b>

# INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Appeals from District Courts	Cases Filed		Other Appeals	Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
			Appeals from Superior Court				
			Civil	Criminal			
I	1	7	9	10	0	26	35
	2	4	8	29	0	41	27
	3	9	22	18	0	49	46
	4	11	14	37	0	62	49
	5	9	9	17	0	35	34
	6	6	8	10	0	24	15
	7	5	13	11	0	29	23
	8	7	16	29	0	52	55
II	9	4	9	10	0	23	21
	10	17	78	29	60	184	168
	11	9	12	8	0	29	22
	12	11	10	35	0	56	45
	13	4	6	9	0	19	9
	14	5	18	12	0	35	34
	15A/ B*	9	21	13	0	43	39
	16	5	7	28	0	40	25
III	17A/ B*	2	12	8	0	22	22
	18	17	31	20	0	68	68
	19A/ B*	14	19	18	0	51	43
	20	12	17	13	0	42	31
	21	29	34	29	0	92	66
	22	8	10	18	0	36	39
	23	9	6	11	0	26	19
IV	24	1	6	5	0	12	11
	25	14	22	16	0	52	46
	26	20	38	40	0	98	84
	27A/ B*	9	12	30	0	51	36
	28	6	19	15	0	40	26
	29	12	13	12	0	37	27
	30	8	14	2	0	24	21
Totals		283	513	542	60	1,398	1,186

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Disposed by Written Opinion			Total Cases by Written Opinion	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
		Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part			
I	1	22	11	0	33	2	35
	2	19	6	2	27	0	27
	3	32	13	0	45	1	46
	4	29	13	5	47	2	49
	5	24	3	1	28	6	34
	6	11	4	0	15	0	15
	7	19	3	0	22	1	23
	8	33	16	1	50	5	55
II	9	16	2	1	19	2	21
	10	100	44	6	150	18	168
	11	14	4	1	19	3	22
	12	35	9	0	44	1	45
	13	8	1	0	9	0	9
	14	26	6	1	33	1	34
	15A/ B*	31	5	2	38	1	39
	16	21	3	0	24	1	25
III	17A/ B*	13	5	1	19	3	22
	18	46	15	3	64	4	68
	19A/ B*	35	5	1	41	2	43
	20	22	6	2	30	1	31
	21	42	12	5	59	7	66
	22	31	5	2	38	1	39
	23	17	2	0	19	0	19
IV	24	10	1	0	11	0	11
	25	34	6	2	42	4	46
	26	58	16	3	77	7	84
	27A/ B*	24	7	2	33	3	36
	28	19	3	1	23	3	26
	29	18	7	0	25	2	27
	30	17	4	0	21	0	21
TOTALS		826	237	42	1,105	81	1,186

\*Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.



# INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS

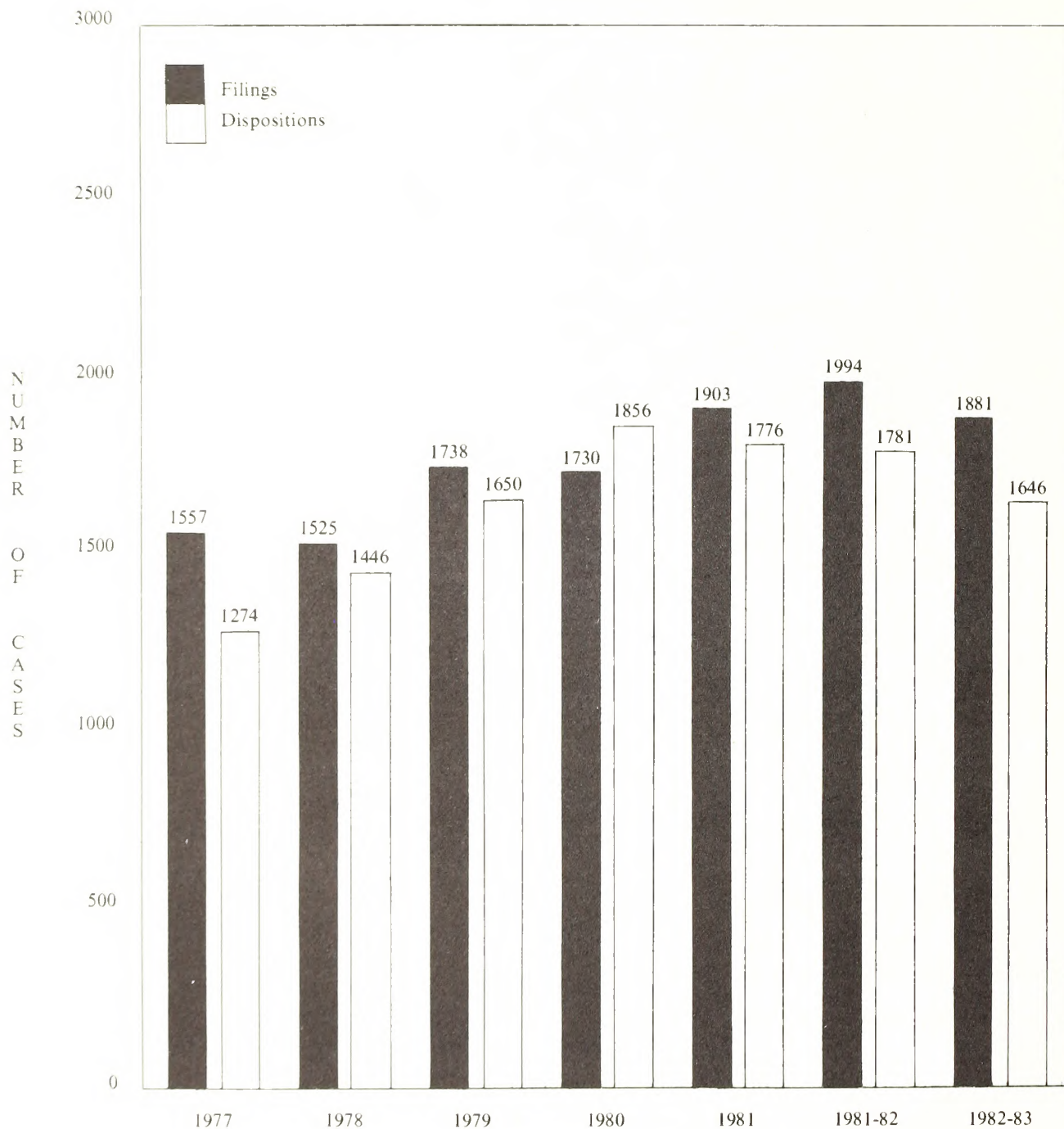
July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983															
Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed				Petitions Disposed				Motions & Petitions Disposed in Opinion	Total Disposed	
					Allowed		Denied		Allowed		Denied				
					Remanded	Remanded	Remanded	Remanded	Remanded	Remanded					
I	1	43	9	52	27	8	0	1	8	0	1	8	0	1	45
	2	48	8	56	38	7	0	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	53
	3	66	16	82	54	15	0	3	13	0	0	13	0	0	85
	4	81	18	99	66	19	0	5	11	0	0	11	0	0	101
	5	65	29	94	51	29	0	3	25	0	0	25	0	0	108
	6	10	6	16	6	4	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	16
	7	34	6	40	24	7	0	0	6	0	0	6	0	0	37
	8	40	17	57	27	12	0	2	14	0	0	14	0	0	55
II	9	21	5	26	20	2	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	26
	10	284	73	357	214	67	0	15	56	0	0	56	0	0	352
	11	43	8	51	35	8	0	0	9	0	0	9	0	0	52
	12	65	24	89	52	19	0	2	21	0	0	21	0	0	94
	13	26	6	32	23	6	0	1	4	0	0	4	0	0	34
	14	55	26	81	30	26	1	3	21	0	0	21	0	0	81
	15A/B*	54	16	70	41	17	0	1	15	0	0	15	0	0	74
	16	70	22	92	53	23	0	5	15	0	0	15	0	0	96
III	17A/B*	17	12	29	9	10	0	2	8	0	0	8	0	0	29
	18	70	19	89	48	16	1	2	17	1	0	17	1	0	85
	19A/B*	19	16	35	12	10	0	1	13	0	0	13	0	0	36
	20	35	18	53	27	10	0	1	15	0	0	15	0	0	53
	21	92	26	118	57	29	0	2	21	0	0	21	0	0	109
	22	34	11	45	23	10	0	1	10	0	0	10	0	0	44
	23	31	2	33	28	4	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	34
IV	24	18	3	21	13	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	21
	25	72	12	84	45	21	0	4	10	0	0	10	0	0	80
	26	122	30	152	95	32	0	3	25	0	0	25	0	0	155
	27A/B*	49	15	64	38	17	0	6	9	0	0	9	0	0	70
	28	37	10	47	28	8	0	2	7	0	0	7	0	0	45
	29	54	13	67	30	17	0	3	9	0	0	9	0	0	59
	30	18	7	25	7	10	0	2	4	0	0	4	0	0	23
Totals		1,673	483	2,156	1,221	468	2	73	386	1	1	386	1	1	2,157

\* Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 17A and 17B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

## FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

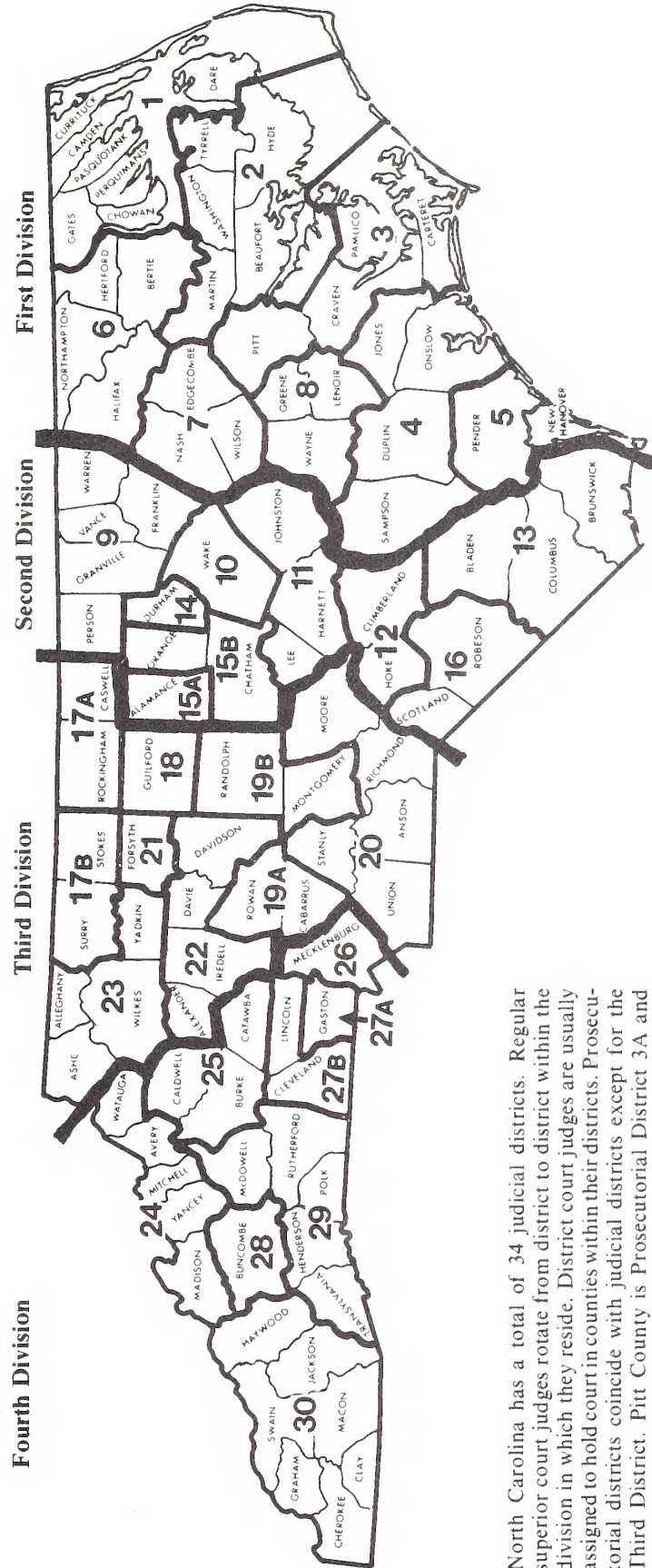
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Filings and dispositions in this graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. During 1982-83, filings exceeded dispositions by 235, the largest difference since 1977.

# THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

## North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions



North Carolina has a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts. Prosecutorial districts coincide with judicial districts except for the Third District. Pitt County is Prosecutorial District 3A and Craven, Carteret and Pamlico Counties comprise Prosecutorial District 3B. Hence, there are 35 prosecutorial districts but only 34 judicial districts.



**JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT\***  
(As of June 30, 1983)

**FIRST DIVISION**

**District**

- 1 J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
- 2 Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
- 3 David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville  
Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
- 4 Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville  
James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
- 5 Bradford Tillery, Wilmington  
Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
- 6 Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
- 7 Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro  
Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount
- 8 R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive  
James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

**SECOND DIVISION**

- 9 Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
- 10 James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh  
Henry V. Barnett, Jr., Raleigh  
Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh  
Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
- 11 Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
- 12 Darius B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville  
Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville  
Edwin L. Johnson, Fayetteville
- 13 Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
- 14 Thomas H. Lee, Durham  
Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama  
John C. Martin, Durham
- 15A D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
- 15B F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
- 16 Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

**THIRD DIVISION**

**District**

- 17A Melzer A. Morgan, Jr., Wentworth
- 17B James M. Long, Pilot Mountain
- 18 Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro  
W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro  
Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
- 19A Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer  
James C. Davis, Concord
- 19B Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
- 20 F. Fetzner Mills, Wadesboro  
William H. Helms, Wingate
- 21 William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem  
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem  
William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
- 22 Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville  
Peter W. Hairston, Advance
- 23 Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

**FOURTH DIVISION**

- 24 Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
- 25 Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory  
Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
- 26 Frank W. Snapp, Jr., Charlotte  
Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte  
Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte  
William T. Grist, Charlotte  
Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
- 27A Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville  
Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
- 27B John R. Friday, Lincolnton
- 28 Robert E. Lewis, Asheville  
C. Walter Allen, Asheville
- 29 Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton
- 30 James U. Downs, Franklin

\*In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.



## **SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT**

Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville  
James A. Beatty, Jr., Winston-Salem  
Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone  
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville

John B. Lewis, Jr., Farmville  
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh  
Russell G. Walker, Asheboro  
Thomas S. Watts, Elizabeth City

## **EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT**

George M. Fountain, Tarboro  
Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., Lumberton

### **The Conference of Superior Court Judges** (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *President*  
Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer, *President-Elect*  
D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington, *Vice President*  
James A. Beatty, Jr., Winston-Salem,  
*Secretary-Treasurer*  
J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City, and Robert E. Gaines,  
Gastonia, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the state. In 1981-82, there were 60 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 34 judicial districts for eight-year-terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

#### Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$10,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from administrative agencies except the Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the North Carolina State Bar, the Board of State Contract Appeals, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.\* Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

#### Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on Page 29. Within the division, a resident superior court judge is required to rotate among the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior

court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$10,256,492 was expended on the operations of the superior courts during the 1982-83 fiscal year. This included the salaries and travel expenses for the 68 superior court judges, and salaries and expense for court reporters and secretarial staff for superior court judges. The 1982-83 expenditures for the superior courts amounted to 10.9% of total General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 85,488 cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, an increase of 917 cases (1.1%) over the total of 84,571 cases that were filed in 1981-82. There was some decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts during 1982-83 compared with the previous year (dropping from 14,964 to 13,894). This decrease is probably due to a statutory amendment, effective July 1, 1982, which provided that the district court division is the *proper* division for the trial of civil actions in which the amount in controversy is \$10,000 (formerly \$5,000) or less. This change had the effect of shifting some civil cases from the superior courts to the district courts. This small decrease in civil case filings in the superior courts was more than offset by an increase in criminal case filings (from 69,607 in 1981-82 to 71,594 in 1982-83).

Superior court case dispositions increased from 82,165 in 1981-82 to 84,797 in 1982-83. However, the dispositions did not quite equal the number of cases filed. As a result, there was a small increase (1.9%) in the total number of superior court cases pending, from 35,622 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total of 36,313 on June 30, 1983.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

\* An amendment to Article IV, Section 12(1) of the State Constitution was approved by the voters at the June, 1982 election, and effective July 15, 1983, the General Assembly has provided for appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court. See G.S. 7A-29(b).

**DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\***  
(As of June 30, 1983)

**District**

- 1 John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City  
Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City  
John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington  
James W. Hardison, Wiliamston
- 3 Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton  
E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville  
Willie L. Lumpkin, III, Morehead City  
James E. Martin, Bethel  
James E. Regan, Oriental  
H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill  
E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville  
Walter P. Henderson, Trenton  
James N. Martin, Clinton  
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
- 5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington  
Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington  
Jacqueline Morris-Goodson, Wilmington  
Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
- 6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids  
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck  
Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro  
James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount  
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson  
Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston  
Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont  
Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston  
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro  
Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford  
Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson  
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton  
Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
- 10 George F. Bason, Raleigh  
Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh  
Narley L. Cashwell, Raleigh  
William A. Creech, Raleigh  
George R. Greene, Raleigh  
Louis W. Payne, Jr., Raleigh  
Philip O. Redwine, Raleigh  
Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

**District**

- 11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield  
William Christian, Sanford  
K. Edward Greene, Dunn  
W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
- 12 Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville  
Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford  
Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville  
Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville  
Anna E. Keever, Fayetteville
- 13 William E. Wood, Whiteville  
William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville  
Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
- 14 J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham  
Karen B. Galloway, Durham  
David Q. LaBarre, Durham  
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
- 15A J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington  
W. S. Harris, Jr., Graham  
James K. Washburn, Burlington
- 15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill  
Patricia S. Hunt, Hillsborough  
Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
- 16 John S. Gardner, Lumberton  
B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg  
Charles G. McLean, Lumberton  
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
- 17A Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville  
Robert R. Blackwell, Yanceyville
- 17B Foy Clark, Mount Airy  
Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
- 18 Robert L. Cecil, High Point  
Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point  
William L. Daisy, Greensboro  
Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro  
William K. Hunter, High Point  
Joseph R. John, Greensboro  
Edmund Lowe, High Point  
John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
- 19A Robert L. Warren, Concord  
Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord  
Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis  
Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

\*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.



# DISTRICT COURT JUDGES\*

## (As of June 30, 1983)

### District

- 19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro  
William M. Neely, Asheboro
- 20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro  
Michael E. Beale, Southern Pines  
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle  
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe  
Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
- 21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem  
Joseph J. Gatto, Winston-Salem  
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem  
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem  
David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
- 22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville  
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville  
George T. Fuller, Lexington  
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
- 23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro  
Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro  
Edgar B. Gregory, Wilkesboro
- 24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland  
Charles P. Ginn, Boone  
R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk
- 25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton  
Edward J. Crotty, Hickory  
Robert A. Mullinax, Newton  
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory  
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

### District

- 26 James E. Lanning, Charlotte  
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte  
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte  
Resa L. Harris, Charlotte  
Robert P. Johnston, Charlotte  
William G. Jones, Charlotte  
Theodore P. Matus, II, Charlotte  
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte  
W. Terry Sherrill, Charlotte  
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
- 27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia  
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia  
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia  
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
- 27B George W. Hamrick, Shelby  
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
- 28 William Marion Styles, Black Mountain  
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden  
Robert L. Harrell, Asheville  
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
- 29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard  
Loto J. Greenlee, Marion  
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville  
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
- 30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City  
J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville  
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

### The Association of District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *President*  
 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem, *Vice President*  
 E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville, *Secretary-Treasurer*  
 George M. Britt, Tarboro  
 William G. Pearson, II, Durham  
 L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro  
 Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden  
*Additional Executive Committee Members*

\*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 142 district court judges serving in 34 judicial districts during 1982-83. These judges are elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 611 magistrate positions were authorized as of June 30, 1983. Of this number, about 100 positions were specified as part-time. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

#### Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and commitments to mental hospitals, and domestic relations cases. The district courts have concurrent jurisdiction with the superior courts in general civil cases, but the district courts are the proper courts for the trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$10,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is \$1,000 or less, may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed \$500. In addition, they may accept written appearances, waivers of trial, and pleas of guilty in such worthless check cases when the amount of the check is \$500 or less, the offender has made restitution, and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases, and in boating, hunting and fishing violation cases,\* for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates also conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested defendants, and they are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

#### Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of noncriminal cases; assigning

matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

#### The Conference of Chief District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Robert T. Gash, Brevard, *Chairman*

Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville, *Vice Chairman*

#### Expenditures

Total expenditures for the operation of the district courts in 1982-83 amounted to \$18,119,464. This is an increase of 6.4% over 1981-82 expenditures of \$17,022,936. Included in this total are the personnel costs of court reporters and secretaries as well as the personnel costs of the 142 district court judges and approximately 600 magistrates. The 1982-83 total is 19.2% of the General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures that the district courts took for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

#### Caseload

During 1982-83 the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) increased 24,262 (1.7%) over the total number reported for 1981-82. Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the filing total in 1982-83 was 1,445,571. The motor vehicle criminal case category registered the most significant increase, 51,270 cases (7.6%) more than the number of motor vehicle criminal cases in 1981-82. There were relatively small decreases in the filing totals for the general civil, civil magistrate, and non-motor vehicle criminal case categories compared with such totals for 1981-82. The overall trend in total district court case filings has been upward during the past several years even though fluctuating increases or decreases may be shown in the individual case categories.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads and on juvenile case activity is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

\*Chapter 586, 1983 Session Laws; the uniform schedule of fines adopted by Chief District Judges becomes effective July 1, 1984.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEYS**  
**(As of June 30, 1983)**

**District**

- 1 H. P. WILLIAMS, JR., Elizabeth City
- 2 WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
- 3A THOMAS D. HAIGWOOD, Greenville
- 3B WILLIAM D. McFADYEN, New Bern
- 4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
- 5 JERRY L. SPIVEY, Wilmington
- 6 DAVID H. BEARD, JR., Murfreesboro
- 7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
- 8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
- 9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
- 10 J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
- 11 JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
- 12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
- 13 MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Whiteville
- 14 RONALD L. STEPHENS, Durham
- 15A GEORGE E. HUNT, Graham
- 15B WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
- 16 JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton

**District**

- 17A PHILIP W. ALLEN, Wentworth
- 17B HAROLD D. BOWMAN, Dobson
- 18 D. LAMAR DOWDA, Greensboro
- 19A JAMES F. ROBERTS, Concord
- 19B GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
- 20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
- 21 DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
- 22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
- 23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
- 24 JAMES THOMAS RUSHER, Marshall
- 25 ROBERT E. THOMAS, Hickory
- 26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
- 27A JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
- 27B W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
- 28 RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
- 29 ALAN C. LEONARD, Rutherfordton
- 30 MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

**The District Attorneys Association**  
**(Officers as of June 30, 1983)**

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, *President*

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *Vice President*

William H. Andrews, Jacksonville, *Vice President for  
Legislative Affairs*

John Smith, Wilmington, *Secretary-Treasurer*



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The District Attorneys

The State is divided into 35 prosecutorial districts which, with one exception, correspond to the 34 judicial districts. By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, the 3rd Judicial District was divided into two separate prosecutorial districts, Prosecutorial Districts 3A and 3B, effective October 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3A consists of Pitt County, and Prosecutorial District 3B is comprised of Craven, Carteret, and Pamlico (G.S. 7A-60). A district attorney is elected by the voters in each of the 35 districts for four-year terms.

#### Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

#### Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1983, a total of 213 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 35 prosecutorial districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 17B and District 24 had the smallest staff (two assistants).

Each district attorney is authorized to employ an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 18 of the 35 districts is authorized to employ an investigational assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial, and in 10 districts, the district attorney is authorized to employ a witness coordinator.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

A total of 71,594 criminal cases were filed in the superior courts during 1982-83, consisting of 43,708 felony cases and 27,886 misdemeanor appeals from the district courts. The total number of filings in the superior courts (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the previous year was 69,607. The increase of 1,987 cases in 1982-83 represents a 2.9% increase over the 1981-82 total.

Total criminal cases disposed of by the superior courts in 1982-83 equalled 70,120. There were 42,966 felony dispositions; the number of misdemeanor appeals disposed of was 27,154. Compared with 1981-82, total criminal case dispositions increased by 2,937 cases over the 67,183 cases disposed of in that fiscal year. The median ages of 1982-83 criminal cases at disposition in the superior courts were 81 days for felony cases and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals. In 1981-82, the median age of felony cases at disposition was 73 days, and the median

age at disposition for misdemeanor appeals was 62 days.

Dispositions by jury trial in the superior courts, for felonies and misdemeanors, totalled 3,999 cases, or 5.7% of total criminal case dispositions in the superior courts. This was a decrease from jury dispositions of 3,793 (5.6% of total dispositions) during the 1981-82 year. As is evident, a very small proportion of all criminal cases utilize the great proportion of superior court time and resources required to handle the criminal caseload.

By contrast, in 1982-83 a majority of criminal case dispositions in superior courts (38,012 or 54.2%) were processed on submission of guilty pleas, not requiring a trial. This was virtually the same percentage of guilty plea dispositions as was reported for 1981-82.

"Dismissal by district attorney" accounted for a significant percentage of all dispositions during 1982-83: a total of 19,753 cases, or 28.2% of all dispositions. This proportion is comparable to that recorded for prior years. Many of the dismissals involved the situation of two or more cases pending against the same defendant, resulting in a plea bargain agreement where the defendant pleads guilty to some charges in exchange for a dismissal of others.

There was an increase in the number of speedy trial dismissals in superior courts, from 63 cases in 1981-82 to 92 cases in 1982-83.

The total number of criminal cases disposed of in the superior courts was 1,474 cases less than the total number of cases filed in 1982-83. Consequently, the number of pending criminal cases in superior court increased from 20,204 at the beginning of the fiscal year to a total at year's end of 21,678, an increase of 7.3%.

The median age of *pending* felony cases dropped from 83 days in 1981-82 to 80 days during 1982-83. A similar decrease was recorded for misdemeanor appeals where the median age of cases dropped from 69 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

In the district courts, a total of 1,129,032 criminal cases were filed during 1982-83. This total consisted of 728,517 motor vehicle criminal cases and 400,515 non-motor vehicle criminal cases. A comparison of total filings in 1982-83 with total filings (1,095,423) in 1981-82 reveals an increase in district court criminal filing activity of 33,609 cases or 3.1%. The increase in motor vehicle criminal case filings was responsible for all of this increase. Filings in the motor vehicle case category rose by 51,270 cases, from 677,247 cases in 1981-82 to 728,517 cases in 1982-83, an increase of 7.6%.

As motor vehicle criminal case filings rose in 1982-83, filings in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category fell by 17,661 cases (4.2%) from a total of 418,176 in 1981-82 to 400,515 in 1982-83.

Total dispositions during 1982-83 in the motor vehicle criminal case category amounted to 716,040 cases. As in prior years, a substantial portion (399,265 cases or 55.8%) was disposed of by waiver of appearance and

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload." The remaining 316,775 motor vehicle cases were disposed of by means other than a waiver. This balance was 14,253 cases, or 4.7% more than the 302,522 such dispositions in 1981-82. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

With respect to non-motor vehicle criminal case dispositions, a total of 397,420 such cases were disposed of in 1982-83. As with superior court criminal cases, the most frequent method of disposition was by entry of guilty plea; the next most frequent was dismissal by the district attorney. Some 150,732 cases, or 38.0%, of the disposi-

tions were by guilty pleas. An additional 92,732 cases, or 23.3%, of the total were disposed of by prosecutor dismissal. Only two case dispositions were by speedy trial dismissals, compared with eight such dispositions in 1981-82. The remaining cases were disposed of by waiver (12.8%), trial (10.7%), or by other means (15.2%).

During 1982-83, the median age at disposition of non-motor vehicle criminal cases was 24 days, compared with 22 days at disposition in 1981-82.

Total non-motor vehicle criminal dispositions were 3,095 cases less than total filings for the year. The number of non-motor vehicle criminal cases pending at year's end was 67,970, compared with a total of 64,680 at the beginning of the year, an increase of 4.8% in the number of pending cases. The median age for pending non-motor vehicle cases dropped from 61 days in 1981-82 to 59 days in 1982-83.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.



**CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT**  
(As of June 30, 1983)

**COUNTY**  
Alamance  
Alexander  
Alleghany  
Anson  
Ashe  
Avery  
Beaufort  
Bertie  
Bladen  
Brunswick  
Buncombe  
Burke  
Cabarrus  
Caldwell  
Camden  
Carteret  
Caswell  
Catawba  
Chatham  
Cherokee  
Chowan  
Clay  
Cleveland  
Columbus  
Craven  
Cumberland  
Currituck  
Dare  
Davidson  
Davie  
Duplin  
Durham  
Edgecombe  
Forsyth  
Franklin  
Gaston  
Gates  
Graham  
Granville  
Greene  
Guilford  
Halifax  
Harnett  
Haywood  
Henderson  
Hertford  
Hoke  
Hyde  
Iredell  
Jackson

**CLERK OF COURT**  
Louise B. Wilson  
Seth Chapman  
Joan B. Atwood  
R. Frank Hightower  
Virginia W. Johnson  
Billy J. Vance  
Thomas S. Payne, III  
Thomas S. Speight  
Hilda H. Coleman  
K. Gregory Bellamy  
J. Ray Elingburg  
Major A. Joines  
Estus B. White  
Jeanette Turner  
Catherine W. McCoy  
Mary Austin  
Janet H. Cobb  
Eunice W. Mauney  
Janice Oldham  
Rose Mary Crooke  
Lena M. Leary  
R. L. Cherry  
Ruth S. Dedmon  
Lacy R. Thompson  
Dorothy Pate  
George T. Griffin  
Wiley B. Elliot  
Betty Mann  
Hugh Shepherd  
Delores C. Jordan  
John A. Johnson  
James Leo Carr  
Curtis Weaver  
A.E. Blackburn  
Ralph S. Knott  
Betty B. Jenkins  
Cheryl Holland  
O.W. Hooper, Jr.  
Mary Ruth C. Nelms  
Cleo W. McKeel  
James Lee Knight  
Ellen C. Neathery  
Georgia Lee Brown  
William G. Henry  
Thomas H. Thompson  
Richard T. Vann  
Juanita Edmund  
Lenora R. Bright  
Carl G. Smith  
Frank Watson, Jr.

**COUNTY**  
Johnston  
Jones  
Lee  
Lenoir  
Lincoln  
Macon  
Madison  
Martin  
McDowell  
Mecklenburg  
Mitchell  
Montgomery  
Moore  
Nash  
New Hanover  
Northampton  
Onslow  
Orange  
Pamlico  
Pasquotank  
Pender  
Perquimans  
Person  
Pitt  
Polk  
Randolph  
Richmond  
Robeson  
Rockingham  
Rowan  
Rutherford  
Sampson  
Scotland  
Stanly  
Stokes  
Surry  
Swain  
Transylvania  
Tyrrell  
Union  
Vance  
Wake  
Warren  
Washington  
Watauga  
Wayne  
Wilkes  
Wilson  
Yadkin  
Yancey

**CLERK OF COURT**  
Will R. Crocker  
Ronald H. Metts  
Sion H. Kelly  
M.E. Creech  
Nellie L. Bess  
Lois S. Morris  
James W. Cody  
Mary K. Wynne  
Ruth B. Williams  
Robert M. Blackburn  
Arthur Ray Ledford  
Charles M. Johnson  
Rachel H. Comer  
Rachel M. Joyner  
Louise D. Rehder  
R. Jennings White, Jr.  
Everitte Barbee  
Frank S. Frederick  
Mary Jo Potter  
Frances W. Thompson  
Frances N. Futch  
W.J. Ward  
W. Thomas Humphries  
Sandra Gaskins  
Judy P. Arledge  
John H. Skeen  
Miriam F. Greene  
Dixie I. Barrington  
Frankie C. Williams  
Francis Glover  
Joan M. Jenkins  
Charlie T. McCullen  
C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.  
David R. Fisher  
Pauline Kirkman  
David J. Beal  
Sara Robinson  
Marian M. McMahon  
Jessie L. Spencer  
Nola H. McCollum  
Mary Lou M. Barnett  
J. Russell Nipper  
Richard E. Hunter, Jr.  
Timothy L. Spear  
John T. Bingham  
Shelton Jordan  
Wayne Roope  
William G. Stewart  
Harold J. Long  
Arnold E. Higgins

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for a four-year term by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

#### Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

#### Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continues to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties, the clerk's staff assists the district attorney in preparing criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day civil calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$27,804,593 was expended in 1982-83 for the operation of the 100 clerk of superior court offices. In addition to the salaries and other expenses of the clerks and their staffs, this total includes expenditures for jurors' fees, and witness expenses.

Total expenditures for clerks' offices in 1982-83 amounted to 29.5% of the General Fund expenditures for the operations of the entire Judicial Department.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

During 1982-83, estate case filings totalled 39,188. This was an increase of 3.6% over the 37,838 cases filed in 1981-82. Estate case dispositions totalled 38,110 cases in 1982-83, or 3.9% more than the previous year's total of 36,691. Filings in 1982-83 exceeded dispositions by 1,078 cases. This produced an increase of the same amount in the number of estate cases pending at the end of the year.

A total of 31,835 special proceedings were filed before the 100 clerks of superior court in 1982-83. This is an increase of 162 cases (0.5%) over the 31,673 filings in the previous fiscal year. During the year, total special proceedings dispositions amounted to 32,003 cases, with a resulting decrease in the number of cases pending of 0.8%, from 22,380 on June 30, 1982 to 22,212 as of June 30, 1983.

The clerks of superior court are also responsible for handling the records of all case filings and dispositions in the superior and district courts. The total number of superior court case filings during the 1982-83 year was 85,488, and the total number of district court filings, not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this Report.

#### Association of Clerks of Superior Court (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County,  
*President*

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,  
*First Vice President*

Major Joines, Burke County  
*Second Vice President*

David J. Beal, Surry County  
*Secretary*

John Johnson, Duplin County  
*Treasurer*



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Juvenile Services Division

The Juvenile Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts provides intake, probation and aftercare services to juveniles who are before the District Courts for delinquent matters, *i.e.*, violations of the criminal code, including motor vehicle violations; and for undisciplined matters, such as running away from home, being truant, and being beyond the parents' disciplinary control.

Intake is the screening of complaints alleging delinquent or undisciplined behavior by children, to determine whether petitions should be filed. During the 1982-83 year a total of 18,520 complaints were brought to the attention of intake counselors. Of this number, 11,137 (60%) were approved for filing, and 7,383 (40%) were not approved for filing.

Probation and aftercare refer to supervision of children in their own communities. Probation is authorized by judicial order. Aftercare service is provided for juveniles after their release from a training school. (Protective supervision is also a form of court-ordered supervision within the community; and this service is combined with probation and aftercare.)

In 1982-83 a total of 10,591 juveniles were supervised in the probation and aftercare program.

#### Expenditures

The Juvenile Services Division is primarily State-funded. The expenditures for fiscal year 1982-83 totaled \$7,464,930, including \$46,182 from a federal grant. This was an increase of 6% over the 1981-82 expenditures. The 1982-83 expenditures amounted to 7.9% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department, the same percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the Division as in the previous fiscal year.

#### Administration

The Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division is appointed by the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts. A chief court counselor is appointed for each judicial district by the Administrator of the Juvenile Services Division, with the approval of the Chief District Court Judge and the Administrative Officer of the Courts. Subject to the Administrator's general supervision, each chief court counselor exercises administrative supervision over the operation of the court counseling services in the respective districts.

#### Juvenile Services Division Staff (As of June 30, 1983)

Thomas A. Danek, *Administrator*

Edward F. Taylor, *Assistant Administrator*

John T. Wilson, *Program Supervisor*

Sharon P. Worthington, *Education Coordinator*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Juvenile Services Division (As of June 30, 1983)

Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors	Judicial District	Chief Court Counselors
1	Robert Hendrix	16	Robert Hughes
2	Charles Hough	17A and 17B	Martha Lauten
3	Eve C. Rogers	18	J. Manley Dodson
4	Ida Ray Miles	19A and 19B	James Queen
5	William T. Childs	20	Jimmy Craig
6	John R. Brady	21	James J. Weakland
7	Nancy C. Patteson	22	Carl T. Duncan
8	Harold Hinnant	23	Rex Yates
9	Tommy Lewis	24	Lynn Hughes
10	Steven J. Williams	25	Lee Cox
11	Henry C. Cox	26	James Yancey
12	Phil T. Utley	27A	Yvonne Hall
13	Jimmy Godwin	27B	Gloria Newman
14	Fred Elkins	28	Louis Parrish
15A	Harry Derr	29	Kenneth Lanning
15B	Harold Rogerson	30	Betty G. Alley

#### THE COURT COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION (Officers for 1982-83)

##### Executive Committee Members

J. Manley Dodson, *President*  
 John A. Auten, Jr., *President-elect*  
 Pat Jackson, *Secretary*  
 Bill Fishel, *Treasurer*  
 Harold Rogerson, *Parliamentarian*

##### Board Members

1982-83	1982-84	1982-85
Betty Gene Alley	Jimmy Moore	John Brady
Edward Taylor	Eleanor P. Causey	Mark Vinson
Jo Lammonds	Pam Honeycutt	Horace Walser



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### Public Defenders

During 1982-83, there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. (By statute, a public defender office was established in District 15B, for Orange and Chatham Counties, in June, 1983, but this office was not operational until July, 1983.) The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant public defender and additional full-time or part-time assistants as may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

#### Entitlement of Indigents to Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation." He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement; a fine of \$500 or more; or extradition to another State; a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or termination of parental rights.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system was the only one used.

#### Expenditures

A total of \$2,219,766 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during 1982-83. This was an increase of \$104,559 (4.9%) over the 1981-82 total of \$2,115,207.

#### 1982-83 Caseload

The six public defender offices represented a total of 16,403 defendants during 1982-83. This was an increase of 1,206 defendants, or 7.9%, over the 15,197 defendants represented during 1981-82.

Additional information concerning the operation of these offices is found in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

### PUBLIC DEFENDERS (As of June 30, 1983)\*

#### District 3

Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

#### District 12

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

#### District 18

Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

#### District 26

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

#### District 27A

Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

#### District 28

J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

\*Note: John Kirk Osborn took office as Public Defender for District 15B on July 1, 1983.

#### The Association of Public Defenders (Officers as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, *President*

Donald Hicks, III, *Vice President*

Steve Ward, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The Office of the Appellate Defender

(Staff as of June 30, 1983)

Adam Stein, *Appellate Defender*

#### *Assistant Appellate Defenders*

Nora Elizabeth B. Henry  
Malcolm R. Hunter, Jr.  
Lorinzo L. Joyner

Ann B. Petersen  
Marc D. Towler

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to that date, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) In accord with the assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals.

The Appellate Defender is appointed by the Governor for a term of four years, but in carrying out his duties he is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender.

#### **1982-83 Caseload**

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 43 cases pending in the North Carolina Supreme Court. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 45 additional appeals to the Supreme Court were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year a total of 46 cases in the Supreme Court were disposed of. This left 42 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 43 briefs and 70 petitions in the Supreme Court.

As of July 1, 1982, the Appellate Defender had 139 cases pending in the North Carolina Court of Appeals. During the 1982-83 year, a total of 121 additional appeals to the Court of Appeals were assigned to the Appellate Defender's Office, and during that year, a total of 160 cases in the Court of Appeals were disposed of. This left 100 cases pending as of June 30, 1983. During the 1982-83 year, the Appellate Defender and his staff filed a total of 128 briefs and 16 petitions in the Court of Appeals.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1983)

#### Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro  
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh  
Retired Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

Louise B. Wilson, Graham  
Clerk of Court

Vacancy

#### Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro  
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown  
Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

R.C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City  
Member, N.C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Vacancy

#### Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg  
Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids  
District Court Judge

Marvin D. Musselwhite, Jr., Raleigh  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford  
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Vacancy

#### Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh  
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh  
N.C. State Bar Representative

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr., Raleigh  
Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was reestablished by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* members as shown above.

The 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the

number of voting members from 15 to 23, with the Governor to appoint seven voting members, the President of the Senate to appoint eight voting members, and the Speaker of the House to appoint eight voting members. The non-voting *ex officio* members remained the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

The 1983 Session of the General Assembly further amended G.S. 7A-506, to revise the voting membership of the Commission. Effective July 1, 1983, the Commission is to consist of 24 voting members, six to be appointed by the Governor; six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; six to be appointed by the Presi-



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The North Carolina Courts Commission

dent of the Senate; and six to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The Governor continues to appoint the Chairman of the Commission, from among its legislative members. The non-voting *ex officio* membership of three persons remains the same.

Of the six appointees of the Chief Justice, one is to be a Justice of the Supreme Court, one is to be a Judge of the Court of Appeals, two are to be judges of superior court, and two are to be judges of district court.

Of the six appointees of the Governor, one is to be a district attorney, one a practicing attorney, one a clerk of superior court, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly and at least one of these shall not be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the Speaker of the House, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, and three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one of these three is not to be an attorney.

Of the six appointees of the President of the Senate, at least three are to be practicing attorneys, three are to be members or former members of the General Assembly, and at least one is to be a magistrate.

During the 1982-83 year the Courts Commission had a total of eleven meetings. The Commission submitted its main report to the General Assembly in February, 1983, and a supplementary report on the counsel-for-indigents program in April, 1983.

The following Commission proposals were approved at the 1983 General Assembly:

- Statutory amendments providing for direct appeal to the N.C. Supreme Court of general rate decisions of the Utilities Commission, in lieu of such appeals going first to the N.C. Court of Appeals (Chapter 526, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments relating to service of process in summary ejectment and small claims cases (Chapter 332, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain discovery documents are not to be filed with the clerk unless and until needed for trial (Chapter 201, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to establish a District Attorney Conference and provide for staff (Chapter 761, 1983 Session Laws).
- Proposed constitutional amendment to provide that Attorney General and District Attorneys must be duly licensed to practice law in North Carolina, approved by General Assembly to be on ballot in November, 1984 (Chapter 298, 1983 Session Laws).

- Statutory amendments to provide for standard conditions of probation (Chapter 561, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments providing for increases in court costs and fees (Chapter 713, 1983 Session Laws).
- Statutory amendments to provide increase in pay for jurors (Chapter 88, 1983 Session Laws).

The following recommendations of the North Carolina Courts Commission were introduced in the General Assembly during the 1983 Session and remain pending in committee. These are eligible for consideration at the "short" session in June, 1984:

- Statutory amendments to provide for temporary recall of a retired Justice of the Supreme Court, to serve on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals; and to authorize the Chief Justice to recall retired justices or judges to expedite the work of the appellate courts (H 310).
- Statutory amendments to authorize the presiding judge in a civil action or special proceeding to award reasonable attorney fees for the prevailing party upon finding that there was a complete absence of a justiciable issue of either law or fact raised by the losing party (H 474).
- Statutory amendments to provide that certain minor traffic offenses would be civil infractions rather than criminal offenses (H 491).
- Statutory amendments to provide credit for law enforcement and court-related experience, for purposes of setting magistrates' salary (H 473).
- Statutory amendments to provide that the Administrative Office of the Courts, instead of State Bar Council, have authority and responsibility for adopting regulations for determining indigency and assigning state-paid counsel (H 1285).

One recommendation of the Commission (H 447), to authorize the presiding judge to have jury selection proceedings held in the county of residence of the jurors instead of in the county where the case is to be tried, where it is necessary to select jurors from another county, received an unfavorable report by the House Committee.



## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

### The Judicial Standards Commission (Members as of June 30, 1983)

#### Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold,  
Fuquay-Varina, *Chairman*

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright,  
Greensboro

District Court Judge L. T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

#### Elected by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville, *Vice Chairman*

E. K. Powe, Durham

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

#### Appointed by the Governor

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro, *Secretary*

Veatrice C. Davis, Fayetteville

## THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquiries where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Commission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in eleven instances covering 13 inquiries.

During the 1 July 1982 - 30 June 1983 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 10 September 1982, 22 September 1982, 1 October 1982, 5 November 1982, 6 January 1983, 16 February 1983, 4 March 1983, 1 April 1983, and 13 May 1983. In addition, the Commission convened on 4 January 1983 and 21 June 1983 for hearings in two inquiries.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Twenty-two such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1982, and 82 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 104 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 75 inquiries, and 29 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 75 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) sixty-five inquiries were determined to involve matters for appeal or other legal remedy, evidentiary rulings, length of sentences, or other matters not within the Commission's jurisdiction rather than questions of judicial misconduct;
- (2) seven inquiries were determined to involve allegations of conduct which did not rise to such a level as would warrant investigation by the Commission;
- (3) two inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations; and
- (4) one inquiry was determined to warrant a recommendation of removal following a hearing in the matter.

## ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1982-83

The recommendation of removal filed by the Commission on 7 February 1983 in Inquiry Concerning a Judge, No. 74 (J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Respondent), was adopted by the Supreme Court on 3 May 1983. *In re Hunt*, 308 N.C. 328 (1983).

Of the 29 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) eleven inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) eighteen inquiries covered in five preliminary investigative files were awaiting completion of the investigation or were subject to other action by the Commission.

# **PART III**

## **COURT RESOURCES**

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**





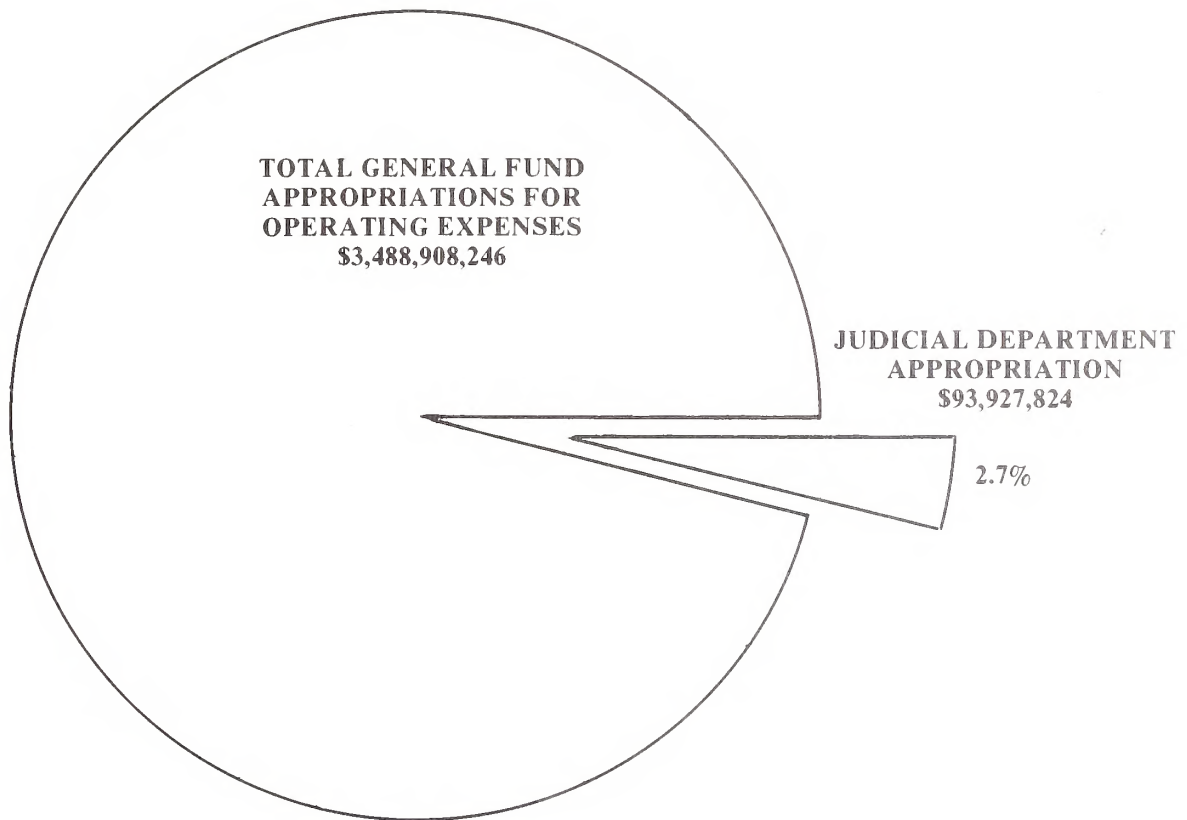
## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. The budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during the even-year legislative session.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but, by statute, the county governments are required to provide from county funds for adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

Appropriations from the State's General Fund for operating expenses for all departments and agencies of State government, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$3,488,908,246 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. (Appropriations from the Highway Fund and appropriations from the General Fund for capital improvements and debt servicing are not included in this total.)

The appropriation from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for 1982-83 was \$93,927,824. As illustrated in the chart below, this General Fund appropriation for the Judicial Department comprised 2.7% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of all State agencies and departments. (The above appropriation amounts include \$2,785,856 for accrued attorney fees for indigent defendants paid in July 1983.)



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general fund for oper-

ating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

### APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
1981-1982	89,631,765	8.08%	3,339,761,674	6.33%
1982-1983	93,927,824	4.79%	3,488,908,246	4.47%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1978-1983		10.84%		9.79%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

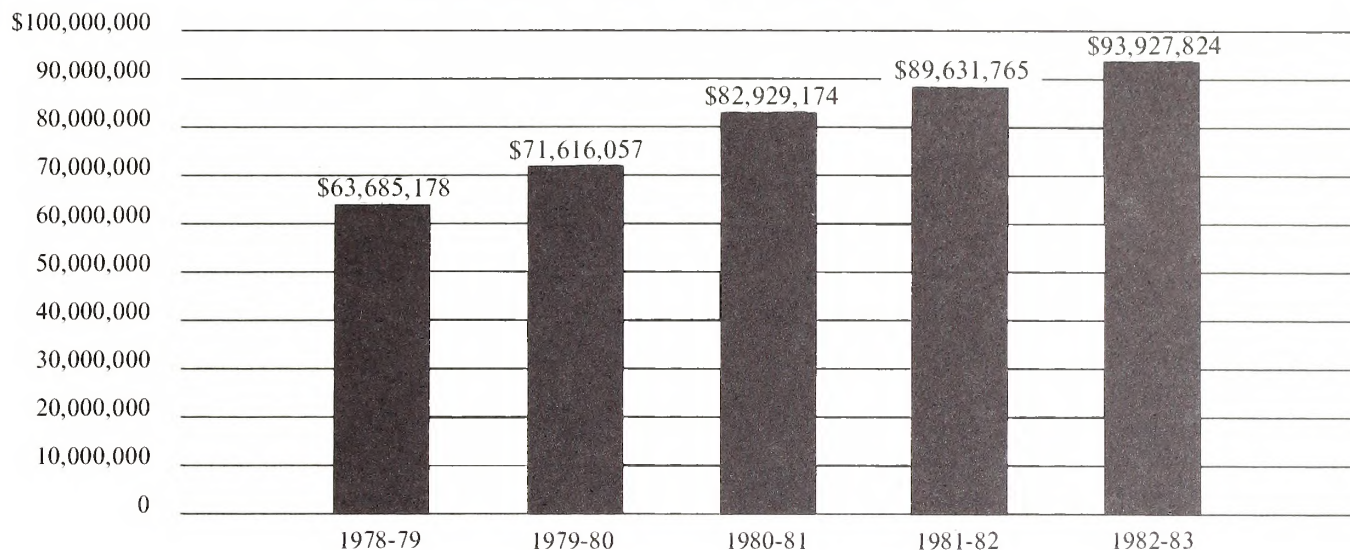
The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the

1980-81 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a 10% pay increase for Judicial Branch personnel, with the same pay increase provided for personnel of all State government agencies.

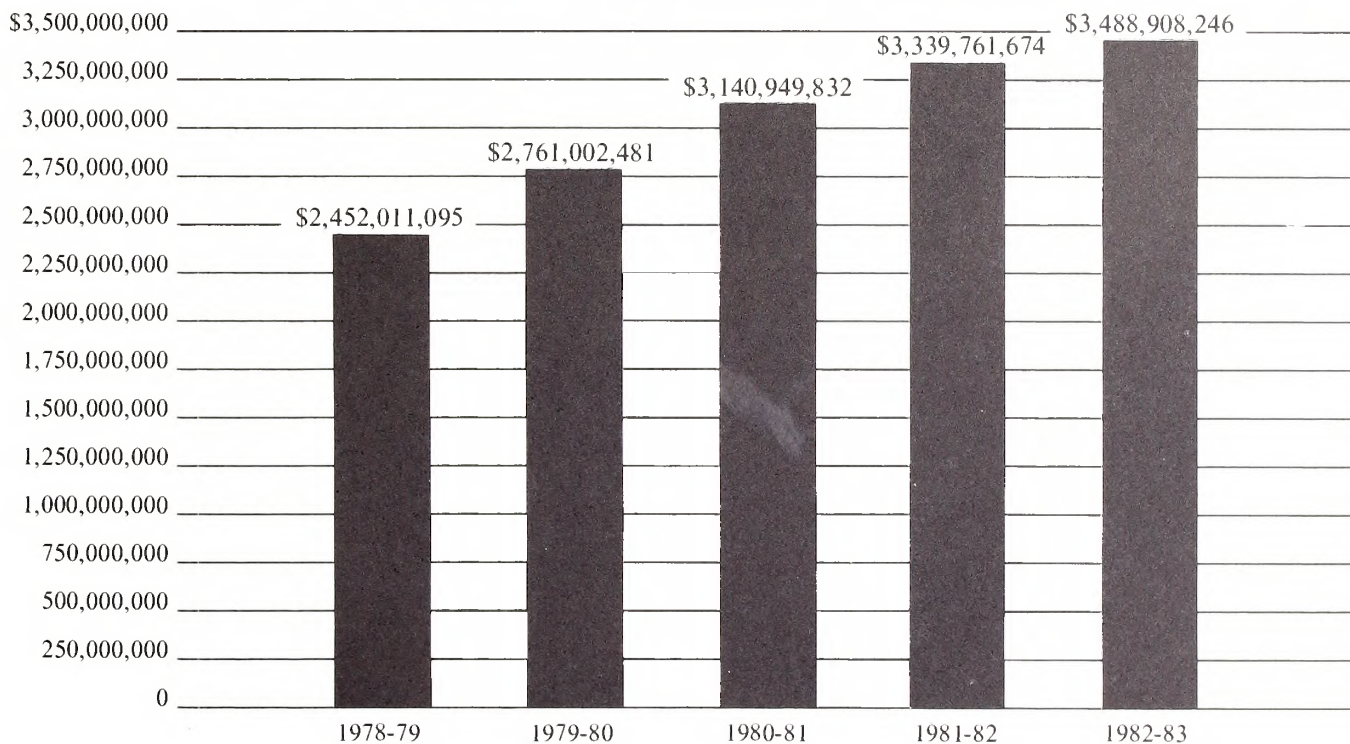
Fiscal year 1982-83 shows the smallest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the five-year period. This decline in the percentage of increase is consistent with the decline in the percentage of increase for all State government agencies.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of the Judicial Department, 1978-79 — 1982-83



### General Fund Appropriations for Operational Expenses Of All State Agencies and Departments, 1978-79 — 1982-83





## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$94,207,213, divided among the major budget classifications as shown

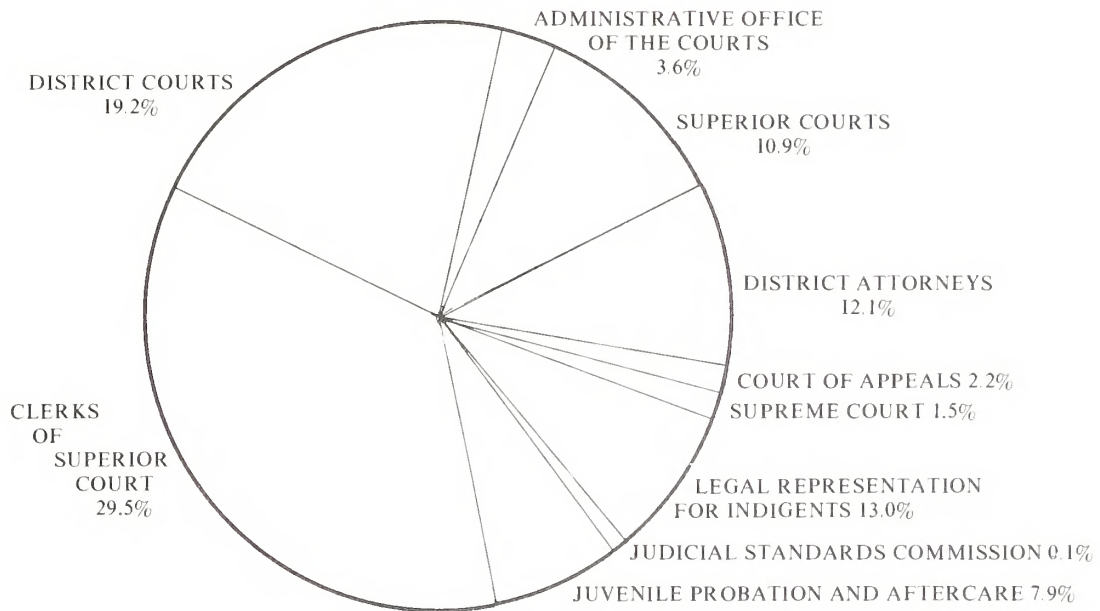
below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled \$216,871, for a grand total of \$94,424,084 in Judicial Department expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 1,464,289	1.5
Court of Appeals	2,025,252	2.2
Superior Courts	10,256,492	10.9
District Courts	18,119,464	19.2
Clerks of Superior Court	27,804,593	29.5
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	7,464,930	7.9
Legal Representation for Indigents	12,284,119	13.0
Assigned private counsel \$9,147,427		
Public defenders \$2,219,766		
Special counsel at mental hospitals \$150,396		
Support services (expert witness fees, professional examinations, transcripts) \$441,232		
Appellate Defender Services \$325,297		
District Attorney Offices	11,362,203	12.1
Administrative Office of the Courts	3,340,519	3.6
General Administration \$1,773,126		
Information Services \$1,314,097		
Warehouse & Printing \$253,296		
Judicial Standards Commission	85,354	.1
<b>Total General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>\$94,207,213</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>LEAA-Funded Projects</b>	<b>216,871</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$94,424,084</b>	



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Expenditures, July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

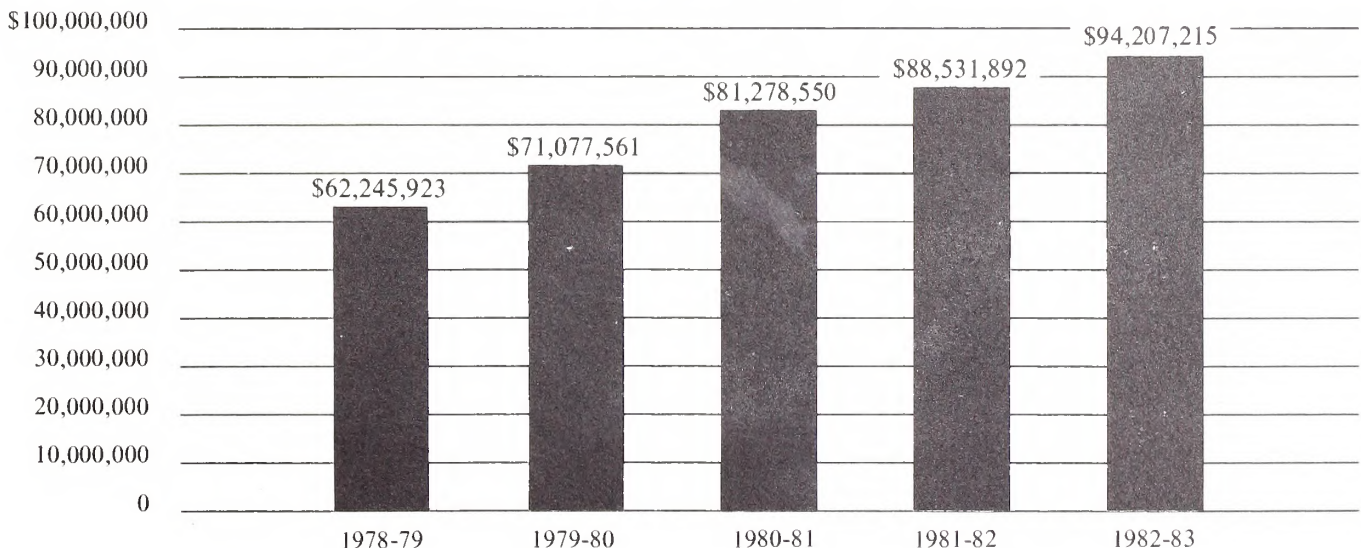


As the above chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 10.9% of total expenditures. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.2% of the total. An additional 29.5% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior court, to

pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service.

The total General Fund expenditures of \$94,207,215 for 1982-83 represents a 6.4% increase over expenditures of \$88,531,892 in 1981-82, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

**General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department  
Fiscal Years 1978-79 — 1982-83**



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Department Receipts July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1982-83 fiscal year totalled \$54,998,815.72. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*; these payments consti-

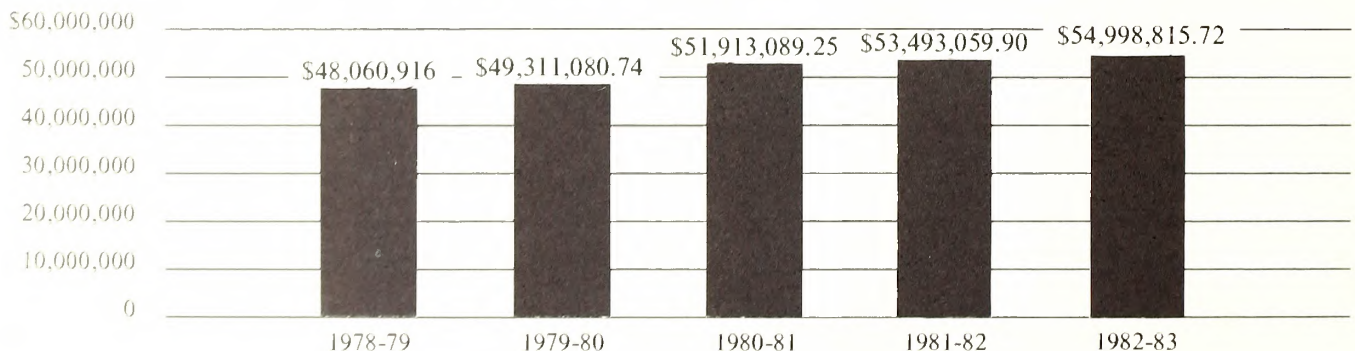
tuted 59.76% of the total receipts during 1982-83. Fines and forfeitures made up 37.75% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgements — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Superior and District Court Costs	32,865,678.99	59.76
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Sales of Appellate Division <i>Reports</i>	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgements	1,117,744.22	2.03
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,998,815.72</b>	<b>100.00</b>

This total of \$54,998,815.72 is an increase of 2.81% over total 1981-82 receipts of \$53,493,059.90. The graph

below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

### Judicial Department Receipts, 1978-79 — 1982-83





## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Distribution of Judicial Department Receipts (July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983)

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgements are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
<b>Remitted to State Treasurer</b>		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 18,147.70	.03
Court of Appeals Fees	32,164.89	.06
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	202,091.48	.37
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	1,117,744.22	2.03
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,252,543.88	4.10
Other Superior and District Court Fees	19,772,414.45	35.95
<b>Total to State Treasurer</b>	<b>23,395,106.62</b>	<b>42.54</b>
<b>Distributed to Counties</b>		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,762,988.44	37.75
Judicial Facilities Fees	5,815,712.59	10.57
Officer Fees	2,807,040.61	5.10
Jail Fees	511,155.83	.93
<b>Total to Counties</b>	<b>29,896,897.47</b>	<b>54.35</b>
<b>Distributed to Municipalities</b>		
Judicial Facilities Fees	301,729.00	.55
Officer Fees	1,395,095.63	2.54
Jail Fees	9,987.00	.02
<b>Total to Municipalities</b>	<b>1,706,811.63</b>	<b>3.11</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$54,998,815.72</b>	<b>100.00</b>



# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities\* July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Alamance	\$ 106,580.00	\$ 55,076.70	\$ 12,234.25	\$ 418,664.28	\$ -0-	\$ 23,413.00	\$ -0-	\$ 615,968.23
Alexander	16,931.00	9,697.00	2,873.00	89,964.00	-0-	296.00	-0-	119,761.00
Alleghany	2,471.00	2,978.00	1,736.00	28,226.06	-0-	582.00	-0-	35,993.06
Anson	28,524.00	16,135.00	1,815.00	113,173.00	-0-	1,312.00	-0-	160,959.00
Ashe	16,463.00	13,873.00	1,657.00	62,972.00	-0-	348.00	-0-	95,313.00
Avery	11,324.00	8,128.00	614.00	48,556.00	-0-	164.00	-0-	68,786.00
Beaufort	44,863.00	35,166.00	5,107.00	146,473.50	-0-	6,490.00	-0-	238,099.50
Bertie	22,781.00	19,290.96	1,597.00	69,161.22	-0-	982.00	-0-	113,812.18
Bladen	35,331.00	30,432.00	1,961.00	143,225.92	1,953.00	516.00	-0-	213,418.92
Brunswick	29,858.00	17,414.00	2,233.74	130,102.38	2,020.00	1,703.00	-0-	183,331.12
Buncombe	179,931.43	101,921.00	6,362.50	664,364.93	-0-	42,087.00	-0-	994,666.86
Burke	75,539.00	37,074.00	1,810.00	245,523.41	-0-	8,972.00	-0-	368,918.41
Cabarrus	93,618.00	69,129.50	8,697.00	306,990.24	-0-	9,368.00	-0-	487,802.74
Caldwell	64,596.00	21,080.00	3,573.00	169,976.75	-0-	9,350.00	-0-	268,575.75
Camden	4,385.00	3,427.00	821.00	24,870.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	33,503.00
Carteret	49,438.00	26,560.00	1,455.00	211,970.92	-0-	9,686.00	-0-	299,109.92
Caswell	15,773.75	14,557.00	1,190.00	59,078.70	-0-	-0-	-0-	90,599.45
Catawba	47,231.50	32,102.00	6,496.00	333,617.69	61,309.00	29,395.00	2,180.00	512,331.19
Chatham	22,160.00	21,067.00	1,345.00	82,283.72	6,584.00	1,276.00	275.00	134,990.72
Cherokee	12,734.00	8,992.00	3,613.00	59,677.00	-0-	1,908.00	155.00	87,079.00
Chowan	14,443.00	9,846.00	1,112.00	37,868.00	-0-	2,648.00	-0-	65,917.00
Clay	3,479.00	2,334.00	828.00	20,384.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	27,025.00
Cleveland	65,713.09	26,317.50	8,749.00	184,215.44	-0-	8,625.72	-0-	293,620.75
Columbus	53,168.00	47,457.00	6,666.00	172,797.58	3,301.00	5,311.00	130.00	288,830.58
Craven	84,849.92	30,886.00	5,109.00	346,155.65	-0-	18,655.00	-0-	485,655.57
Cumberland	253,759.50	85,170.13	26,253.47	1,044,590.62	-0-	59,223.00	-0-	1,468,996.72
Currituck	14,430.00	12,385.65	1,535.00	73,548.60	-0-	-0-	-0-	101,899.25
Dare	33,826.00	18,776.02	4,731.00	225,821.31	-0-	7,036.00	-0-	290,190.33
Davidson	84,664.50	64,045.73	7,502.60	305,156.85	12,620.00	8,015.00	-0-	482,004.68
Davie	22,014.60	15,825.00	1,202.00	64,725.85	-0-	572.00	-0-	104,339.45
Duplin	40,404.00	21,210.00	3,930.00	168,866.00	-0-	1,140.00	525.00	236,075.00
Durham	189,780.00	60,274.00	3,656.00	325,976.50	-0-	56,675.00	-0-	636,361.50
Edgecombe	43,870.50	51,934.00	10,402.50	150,800.88	27,570.00	13,028.00	465.00	298,070.88
Forsyth	289,333.50	40,512.00	19,731.83	770,274.07	4,195.00	119,141.00	-0-	1,243,187.40
Franklin	22,960.00	12,394.00	2,726.00	82,071.75	-0-	468.00	-0-	120,619.75
Gaston	135,306.00	88,015.55	12,068.00	487,969.85	-0-	16,376.00	-0-	739,735.40
Gates	7,777.00	5,866.00	415.00	31,763.66	-0-	40.00	-0-	45,861.66
Graham	4,412.00	3,030.00	1,390.00	15,365.00	-0-	36.00	-0-	24,233.00
Granville	34,089.00	15,788.00	3,990.00	121,093.77	-0-	5,599.00	299.00	180,858.77
Greene	13,272.00	9,802.00	1,362.00	56,594.84	-0-	-0-	-0-	81,030.84
Guilford	389,433.75	67,919.82	13,712.00	867,391.55	-0-	148,116.00	-0-	1,486,573.12
Halifax	60,156.00	45,028.74	12,591.55	277,257.82	7,727.00	15,918.00	329.00	419,008.11
Harnett	42,424.00	27,360.00	6,638.00	174,731.49	6,853.00	4,258.00	778.00	263,042.49
Haywood	41,707.00	29,746.00	987.00	188,044.15	1,014.00	2,603.00	-0-	264,101.15
Henderson	51,116.11	27,251.00	7,397.75	229,489.90	-0-	5,406.00	-0-	320,660.76
Hertford	30,036.00	19,257.42	3,571.00	91,061.14	-0-	2,276.00	-0-	146,201.56
Hoke	21,283.00	12,251.74	3,138.00	75,100.37	-0-	1,698.00	-0-	113,471.11
Hyde	6,582.00	5,296.00	230.00	29,515.75	-0-	-0-	-0-	41,623.75
Iredell	63,989.00	32,363.40	2,502.66	272,398.42	11,953.00	10,467.00	411.00	394,084.48

\*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Amounts of Fees, Fines and Forfeitures Collected by the Courts and Distributed to Counties and Municipalities\* July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Jackson	\$ 18,791.00	\$ 13,953.21	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 79,390.00	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 113,454.21
Johnston	64,088.00	45,884.00	10,786.95	294,969.16	13,004.00	8,182.00	365.00	437,279.11
Jones	9,053.00	5,732.00	770.00	27,784.00	-0-	480.00	-0-	43,819.00
Lee	44,724.00	22,922.68	9,319.00	126,909.50	-0-	9,374.85	-0-	213,250.03
Lenoir	69,242.80	26,498.01	5,308.00	209,718.11	776.00	11,101.00	-0-	322,643.92
Lincoln	29,169.96	20,093.00	715.00	69,580.98	-0-	1,806.00	-0-	121,364.94
Macon	18,119.00	13,831.69	1,402.00	73,112.00	-0-	460.00	-0-	106,924.69
Madison	7,073.00	5,835.00	125.00	29,119.00	-0-	28.00	-0-	42,180.00
Martin	26,523.00	20,182.00	670.00	81,397.46	-0-	1,648.00	-0-	130,420.46
McDowell	28,001.00	17,880.00	1,303.00	113,754.09	-0-	1,452.00	-0-	162,390.09
Mecklenburg	450,313.50	51,895.00	206.00	1,218,608.03	-0-	264,591.05	-0-	1,985,613.58
Mitchell	6,441.00	4,806.00	750.00	21,475.86	-0-	512.00	-0-	33,984.86
Montgomery	34,929.00	30,253.00	3,147.00	86,197.00	-0-	900.00	-0-	155,426.00
Moore	54,054.00	37,965.00	2,392.00	199,208.37	4,908.00	8,477.00	335.00	307,339.37
Nash	49,429.00	53,936.41	10,799.75	238,788.09	34,998.00	12,768.00	991.00	401,710.25
New Hanover	132,158.60	37,124.37	13,154.55	620,866.61	-0-	29,615.00	155.00	833,074.13
Northampton	26,019.00	21,144.35	2,057.00	107,269.28	-0-	1,454.00	-0-	157,943.63
Onslow	99,617.75	68,893.45	24,967.95	458,369.92	-0-	13,809.50	-0-	665,658.57
Orange	43,349.50	30,785.75	2,470.00	211,327.45	23,830.00	17,500.00	610.00	329,872.70
Pamlico	7,016.00	5,176.00	795.00	22,341.35	-0-	44.00	-0-	35,372.35
Pasquotank	27,249.00	12,626.00	2,011.74	268,835.38	-0-	7,574.00	-0-	318,296.12
Pender	21,814.50	14,664.00	2,519.50	102,430.00	-0-	806.00	-0-	142,234.00
Perquimans	9,998.00	7,002.00	295.00	27,529.00	-0-	1,096.00	-0-	45,920.00
Person	22,516.99	16,897.00	2,016.00	76,480.51	-0-	1,850.00	-0-	119,760.50
Pitt	78,597.00	27,569.00	5,384.41	285,466.74	6,442.00	19,515.00	593.00	423,567.15
Polk	10,400.00	8,256.00	1,832.00	68,113.00	-0-	418.00	-0-	89,019.00
Randolph	63,912.00	54,733.73	2,945.00	200,999.56	1,040.00	8,110.00	-0-	331,740.29
Richmond	36,784.00	21,776.00	3,729.00	109,877.28	-0-	3,031.00	-0-	175,197.28
Robeson	92,319.00	59,967.40	12,299.00	472,519.40	32,776.00	21,806.00	896.00	692,582.80
Rockingham	63,388.19	39,136.50	8,395.00	312,186.84	26,686.00	25,989.00	25.00	475,806.53
Rowan	88,132.00	54,922.28	12,439.58	297,869.85	-0-	22,030.00	-0-	475,393.71
Rutherford	41,701.79	23,339.00	7,766.00	183,702.72	-0-	6,588.00	-0-	263,097.51
Sampson	61,511.50	47,423.00	8,763.50	210,477.46	-0-	1,918.00	-0-	330,093.46
Scotland	34,531.00	24,064.96	4,038.00	115,342.05	-0-	4,835.00	-0-	182,811.01
Stanly	45,009.00	16,266.00	5,208.00	192,257.72	-0-	6,310.00	-0-	265,050.72
Stokes	20,347.50	11,816.00	1,125.00	74,749.00	-0-	502.00	-0-	108,539.50
Surry	64,894.00	54,830.30	4,822.00	208,943.83	845.00	5,764.00	280.00	340,379.13
Swain	8,048.00	5,406.00	3,905.00	28,408.75	-0-	320.00	-0-	46,087.75
Transylvania	16,561.42	13,103.49	6,543.68	76,953.77	-0-	2,216.00	-0-	115,378.36
Tyrrell	4,345.50	2,928.00	40.00	15,571.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	22,884.50
Union	55,688.75	41,131.00	7,919.00	241,222.61	-0-	6,953.00	-0-	352,914.36
Vance	46,455.00	21,188.00	4,632.50	152,960.07	-0-	7,387.00	-0-	232,622.57
Wake	375,427.19	80,614.00	33,450.00	1,295,598.18	6,060.00	150,178.62	165.00	1,941,492.99
Warren	15,705.00	11,809.00	1,375.00	56,512.00	-0-	444.00	-0-	85,845.00
Washington	12,331.00	9,509.00	1,258.00	32,751.23	-0-	892.00	-0-	56,741.23
Watauga	26,720.00	17,521.00	4,380.00	158,554.26	-0-	3,646.00	-0-	210,821.26
Wayne	91,468.00	39,146.00	5,960.39	299,282.44	3,265.00	22,623.00	25.00	461,769.83
Wilkes	60,727.00	33,293.00	6,167.52	254,899.23	-0-	1,074.00	-0-	356,160.75
Wilson	62,320.00	37,782.67	9,808.00	152,980.32	-0-	15,020.89	-0-	277,911.88
Yadkin	30,604.00	23,410.00	5,281.96	176,506.45	-0-	404.00	-0-	236,206.41
Yancey	9,283.00	7,676.50	1,070.00	22,919.00	-0-	414.00	-0-	41,362.50
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>\$5,815,712.59</b>	<b>\$2,807,040.61</b>	<b>\$511,155.83</b>	<b>\$20,762,988.44</b>	<b>\$301,729.00</b>	<b>\$1,395,095.63</b>	<b>\$9,987.00</b>	<b>\$31,603,709.10</b>



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Sections 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Seven of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: Districts 3, 12, 15B, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other 27 districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the seven districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

The Appellate Defender Office began operation as a State-funded program on October 1, 1981. (Prior to October 1, 1981, appellate defender services were funded by a one-year federal grant.) Pursuant to assignments made by trial court judges, it is the responsibility of the Appellate Defender and his staff to provide criminal defense appellate services to indigent persons who are appealing their convictions to either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. The Appellate Defender is under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The Chief

Justice may, consistent with the resources available to the Appellate Defender and to insure quality criminal defense services, authorize certain appeals to be assigned to a local public defender office or to private assigned counsel instead of to the Appellate Defender. The case and cost data reported below reflect the activity of this office in both the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1983.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged to be neglected in juvenile petitions unless the court finds that the child is not in need of and cannot benefit from such representation.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was \$12,284,119 in the 1982-83 fiscal year, compared to \$11,033,650 in the 1981-82 fiscal year, an increase of 11.3%. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 13.0% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1982-83 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents for the fiscal year, July 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983.



## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
<b>Assigned Private Counsel</b>			
Capital offense cases	350	\$ 609,266	\$1,740.76
Adult cases (other than capital)	37,643	7,216,860	191.72
Juvenile cases	5,411	512,200	94.66
As guardian <i>ad litem</i> for juveniles	5,222	809,101	154.94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>48,626</b>	<b>\$ 9,147,427</b>	<b>\$ 188.12</b>
<b>Public Defender Offices</b>			
District 3	1,641	\$ 322,320	\$ 196.42
District 12	2,730	395,969	145.04
*District 15B	—	2,367	
District 18	3,057	498,528	163.08
District 26	5,729	552,173	96.38
District 27A	1,771	248,411	140.27
District 28	1,475	199,999	135.59
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16,403</b>	<b>\$ 2,219,766</b>	<b>\$ 135.33</b>
<b>Appellate Defender Office</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>\$ 325,297</b>	<b>\$1,579.11</b>
Special Counsel at mental hospitals		\$ 150,396	
Transcripts, records and briefs		371,583	
Professional examinations		36,872	
Expert witness fees		32,778	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$12,284,119</b>	

\*District 15B Public Defender Office was established in June, 1983. Expenses include only acquisition of initial library. Positions were established in July, 1983. No case activity in this office during June, 1983.

## JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

### Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$150,396 for the 1982-83 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,895 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of \$13.90 for the special counsel service.

The following table presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1982-83. The total number of hearings in 1982-83 increased by 469 over the number held in 1981-82, for a 4.5% increase.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
<b>Initial Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	758	978	602	1,330	3,668
Commitment to outpatient clinic	283	158	12	216	669
Discharge	1,667	1,215	508	717	4,107
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>2,351</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>8,444</b>
<b>First Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	97	209	143	282	731
Commitment to outpatient clinic	10	1	1	10	22
Discharge	88	134	44	91	357
<b>Totals</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>1,110</b>
<b>Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	146	299	323	353	1,121
Commitment to outpatient clinic	2	0	1	0	3
Discharge	42	20	11	24	97
<b>Totals</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1,221</b>
<b>Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	3	17	2	36	58
Commitment to outpatient clinic	30	3	8	1	42
Discharge	8	8	1	3	20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>120</b>
<b>Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:</b>					
Commitment to hospital	1,004	1,503	1,070	2,001	5,578
Commitment to outpatient clinic	325	162	22	227	736
Discharge	1,805	1,377	564	835	4,581
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>3,134</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>3,063</b>	<b>10,895</b>

# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1982-83\*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<i>District 1</i>				
Camden	26	6,056.35	4	337.10
Chowan	103	24,037.23	5	425.50
Currituck	73	24,550.33	9	879.90
Dare	124	32,124.30	8	1,901.12
Gates	29	10,165.90	2	227.50
Pasquotank	336	75,650.58	12	700.00
Perquimans	51	18,409.57	5	415.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>190,994.26</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4,886.12</b>
<i>District 2</i>				
Beaufort	293	77,107.91	6	350.00
Hyde	26	6,321.70	3	150.00
Martin	193	51,015.00	14	1,100.00
Tyrrell	44	11,018.95	—	—
Washington	115	22,449.00	14	750.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>167,912.56</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>2,350.00</b>
<i>District 3</i>				
Carteret	41	11,265.75	32	3,250.00
Craven	52	18,681.23	57	9,775.09
Pamlico	7	1,725.00	—	—
Pitt	146	48,108.03	42	7,584.22
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>79,780.01</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>20,609.31</b>
<i>District 4</i>				
Duplin	308	94,475.63	36	4,000.00
Jones	50	12,512.98	4	300.00
Onslow	574	170,596.24	99	8,650.00
Sampson	357	96,736.93	87	8,645.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,289</b>	<b>374,321.78</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>21,595.00</b>
<i>District 5</i>				
New Hanover	795	258,028.84	56	7,801.75
Pender	76	23,822.19	4	380.90
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>281,851.03</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8,182.65</b>
<i>District 6</i>				
Bertie	191	37,299.90	25	2,245.00
Halifax	543	102,557.25	30	2,955.00
Hertford	270	46,712.91	53	3,354.00
Northampton	145	34,273.50	41	3,966.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>220,843.56</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>12,520.00</b>
<i>District 7</i>				
Edgecombe	622	138,556.17	28	3,700.00
Nash	584	130,085.21	31	4,925.00
Wilson	751	178,976.28	19	3,531.50
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>447,617.66</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>12,156.50</b>

\*Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which \$2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.



# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1982-83\*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 8</u>				
Greene	110	26,374.24	3	475.50
Lenoir	938	145,443.12	84	8,594.43
Wayne	828	181,086.31	115	17,207.87
District Totals	1,876	352,903.67	202	26,277.80
<u>District 9</u>				
Franklin	207	39,849.67	14	1,825.00
Granville	296	42,349.20	10	1,935.00
Person	253	53,008.16	25	3,790.00
Vance	316	57,726.60	18	3,291.42
Warren	115	17,336.00	13	2,282.48
District Totals	1,187	210,269.63	80	13,123.90
<u>District 10</u>				
Wake	2,874	561,843.06	278	65,835.64
<u>District 11</u>				
Harnett	410	58,709.36	90	7,847.00
Johnston	665	79,453.73	43	3,745.00
Lee	479	72,018.86	31	3,074.00
District Totals	1,554	210,181.95	164	14,666.00
<u>District 12</u>				
Cumberland	134	49,033.56	141	11,128.59
Hoke	7	4,934.75	14	1,010.00
District Totals	141	53,968.31	155	12,138.59
<u>District 13</u>				
Bladen	396	76,445.43	21	2,384.00
Brunswick	273	52,897.00	40	3,821.72
Columbus	540	102,184.00	39	4,155.00
District Totals	1,209	231,526.43	100	10,360.72
<u>District 14</u>				
Durham	2,526	462,288.27	189	39,984.42
<u>District 15A</u>				
Alamance	898	177,475.20	94	8,494.45
<u>District 15B</u>				
Chatham	143	29,623.91	15	1,588.00
Orange	631	123,209.68	112	16,408.17
District Totals	774	152,833.59	127	17,996.17
<u>District 16</u>				
Robeson	1,214	211,973.33	168	7,675.00
Scotland	442	57,714.00	56	4,850.00
District Totals	1,656	269,687.33	224	12,525.00

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# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1982-83\*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 17</u>				
Caswell	149	20,929.80	21	1,675.00
Rockingham	791	139,092.81	26	2,527.00
Stokes	135	22,550.00	8	600.00
Surry	665	118,048.71	59	5,272.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,740</b>	<b>300,621.32</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>10,074.00</b>
<u>District 18</u>				
<b>Guilford</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>130,416.64</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>57,543.59</b>
<u>District 19A</u>				
Cabarrus	697	144,263.34	77	9,485.00
Rowan	1,048	161,658.99	54	6,817.11
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>305,922.33</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>16,302.11</b>
<u>District 19B</u>				
Montgomery	273	59,465.63	8	1,194.60
Randolph	505	94,864.85	35	4,132.85
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>154,330.48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>5,327.45</b>
<u>District 20</u>				
Anson	352	53,580.64	16	1,275.00
Moore	629	85,290.19	84	7,400.00
Richmond	586	85,937.66	43	4,175.00
Stanly	352	55,328.43	50	5,325.00
Union	641	100,200.86	142	13,735.32
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>380,337.78</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>31,910.32</b>
<u>District 21</u>				
<b>Forsyth</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>471,555.54</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>28,207.60</b>
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	166	32,367.90	26	3,250.00
Davidson	759	134,294.48	136	17,240.50
Davie	112	20,152.97	25	2,777.00
Iredell	662	126,397.15	63	6,790.98
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>313,212.50</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>30,058.48</b>
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	34	10,325.00	3	275.00
Ashe	145	14,574.32	17	925.00
Wilkes	418	79,563.50	66	4,240.00
Yadkin	154	19,526.40	24	1,660.00
<b>District Totals</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>123,989.22</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>7,100.00</b>

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# JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

## Assigned Counsel and Guardian Ad Litem Number of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Year 1982-83\*

	Assigned Counsel		Guardian Ad Litem	
	Number of Cases	Expenditures	Number of Cases	Expenditures
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	132	32,515.30	—	—
Madison	74	13,035.00	20	3,350.00
Mitchell	68	11,090.65	30	3,305.00
Watauga	187	61,353.84	2	425.00
Yancey	32	10,075.50	3	300.00
District Totals	493	128,070.29	55	7,380.00
<u>District 25</u>				
Burke	581	105,878.34	63	12,344.29
Caldwell	796	115,602.25	30	3,681.75
Catawba	1,051	166,569.55	79	11,458.75
District Totals	2,428	388,050.14	172	27,484.79
<u>District 26</u>				
Mecklenburg	2,824	590,956.76	505	226,981.41
<u>District 27A</u>				
Gaston	215	39,117.53	44	6,050.00
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	453	92,667.25	47	6,450.00
Lincoln	191	49,377.50	17	2,650.00
District Totals	644	142,044.75	64	9,100.00
<u>District 28</u>				
Buncombe	335	49,755.79	171	12,370.75
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	358	82,274.40	59	8,225.00
McDowell	254	53,019.62	30	4,460.00
Polk	71	16,826.77	2	250.00
Rutherford	272	81,889.52	31	2,950.00
Transylvania	114	24,103.54	10	1,575.00
District Totals	1,069	258,113.85	132	17,460.00
<u>District 30</u>				
Cherokee	91	14,755.39	25	2,420.78
Clay	38	4,183.24	1	75.00
Graham	21	5,586.50	12	650.00
Haywood	275	43,080.67	68	4,020.00
Jackson	119	23,833.93	31	2,600.00
Macon	198	18,030.39	14	1,281.52
Swain	43	6,063.12	12	1,000.83
District Totals	785	115,533.24	163	12,048.13
STATE TOTALS	43,404	8,338,326.46	5,222	809,100.90

\*Includes all orders received in FY 1982-83 of which \$2,785,856 was paid in July 1983.



**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL**  
**(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1983)**

<b>Positions Authorized</b>		<b>Salary Ranges</b>
<b>SUPREME COURT</b>		
7	Justices .....	\$57,012-\$58,212
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff) .....	\$11,484-\$39,756
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$11,484-\$17,076
<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b>		
12	Judges .....	\$53,976-\$55,188
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks) .....	\$ 9,264-\$32,856
18	Secretarial personnel .....	\$11,484-\$17,076
<b>SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
68	Judges .....	\$47,928-\$49,500
74	Staff personnel .....	\$14,916-\$29,880
40	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,264-\$15,612
<b>DISTRICT COURT</b>		
142	Judges .....	\$38,808-\$40,344
611	Magistrates .....	\$ 9,936-\$15,372
33	Staff personnel .....	\$10,524-\$15,612
6	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,264-\$13,644
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEYS</b>		
35	District Attorneys .....	\$44,580
273	Staff personnel .....	\$12,012-\$42,456
73	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 8,856-\$15,612
<b>CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT</b>		
100	Clerks of Superior Court .....	\$20,016-\$37,608
1,367	Staff personnel .....	\$ 8,148-\$24,732
7	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,264-\$13,644
<b>INDIGENT REPRESENTATION</b>		
6	Public Defenders .....	\$44,580
54	Staff personnel .....	\$12,540-\$40,980
20	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,264-\$15,612
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals .....	\$18,000-\$22,488
4	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 9,264-\$13,644
<b>JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE</b>		
274	Court counselors .....	\$12,012-\$28,500
53	Secretarial personnel .....	\$ 8,856-\$15,612
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS</b>		
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts .....	\$50,940
1	Assistant Director .....	\$36,384
114	Staff personnel .....	\$10,524-\$37,908



# **PART IV**

## **TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA**

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**





## TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseload during the 1982-83 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1983 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1982-83. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1982-83 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 34 judicial districts and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is primarily a manual one: weekly reports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.





# **PART IV, Section 1**

## **Superior Court Division**

### **Caseflow Data**



## The Superior Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload during the 1982-83 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges. Data is also presented on cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases, felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts, and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1982-83, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (51.1%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (32.6%), with civil cases amounting to 16.3% of total case filings in the superior courts. There was a slight decrease in civil case filings during the 1982-83 year but this was more than offset by increases in the criminal case categories. The proportions for the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern of recent years.

As in previous years, the following second bar chart indicates that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case. The bar chart shows that the numbers of cases filed and disposed of during 1982-83 in the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) are considerably larger than year-end case pending totals. On the other hand, the total number of civil cases pending at year's end is close to the number of filings and dispositions.

Data presented in the second bar graph, as well as in the following tables covering the ages of superior court cases, clearly supports the longer disposition period conclusion regarding civil cases. The median-age data, which is presented in the second bar graph, shows that the median age of superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1983 is 164 days. Similar data, covering pending cases in the felony and misdemeanor appeal categories, shows median ages of 80 and 66 days, respectively. For superior court civil case dispositions in 1982-83, the median case age at disposition was 302 days, compared to 81 days for felony cases at disposition and 66 days for misdemeanor appeals at disposition. Comparing this median-age data with the same information for 1981-82, it is significant that the median age of pending civil cases dropped from 254 days as of June 30, 1982 to 164 days as of June 30,

1983; and the median age for civil cases at disposition dropped from 307 days in 1981-82 to 302 days in 1982-83. This reflects an improvement in the overall pattern of both criminal and civil case dispositions.

The 1982-83 aging data for pending cases in the two criminal case categories show decreases from the median ages reported for 1981-82. The median age of pending felony cases dropped from 83 days as of June 30, 1982 to 80 days as of June 30, 1983, and a similar decrease was recorded in the median age of pending misdemeanor appeals from 69 days as of June 30, 1982 to 66 days as of June 30, 1983. The median age of felony cases at disposition also rose during the past fiscal year from 73 days in 1981-82 to 81 days in 1982-83. The median age of misdemeanor appeals at disposition increased from 62 days in 1981-82 to 66 days in 1982-83.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes (G.S. 15A-701 *et seq.*) prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for "injury in his lands, goods, person or reputation." (Article I, Section 18, N. C. Constitution)

During 1982-83, a Statewide total of 85,488 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts. This represents an increase of only 917 (1.1%) over 1981-82 case filings of 84,571, which is less than the increase trend for filings in recent years. A review of similar data for the period between 1977 and the end of 1980-81 reveals that filings increased at an average rate of 10.2%.

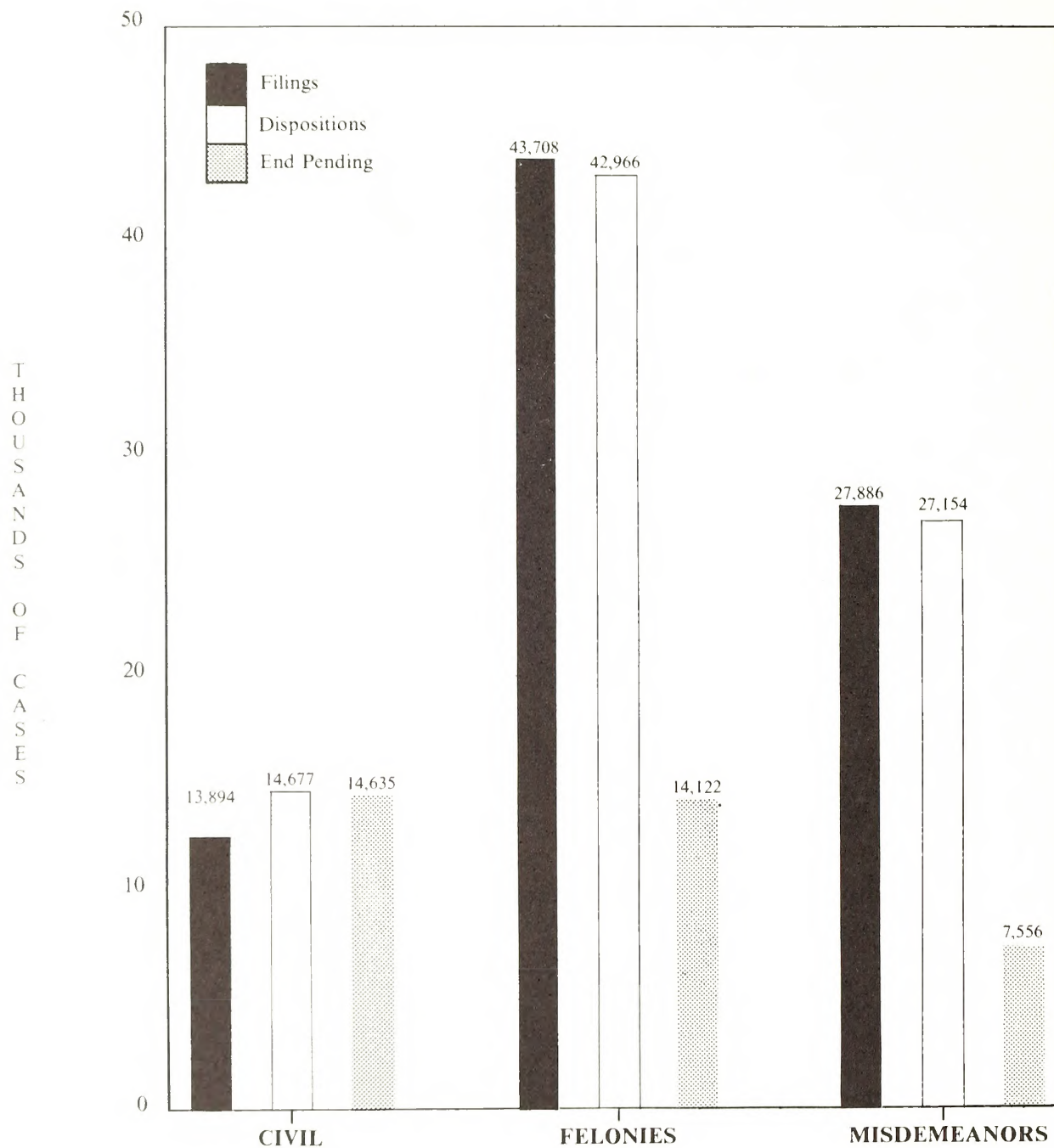
As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials in superior court continue to be responsible for a low percentage of case dispositions: 899 civil cases (6.1%) out of a total of 14,677; 2,618 felony cases (6.1%) out of a total of 42,966; and 1,381 misdemeanor cases (5.1%) out of a total of 27,154 misdemeanor dispositions.

The data tables also show that pleas of guilty are entered in a majority (54.2%) of criminal case dispositions in the superior courts.



## SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

1982-83

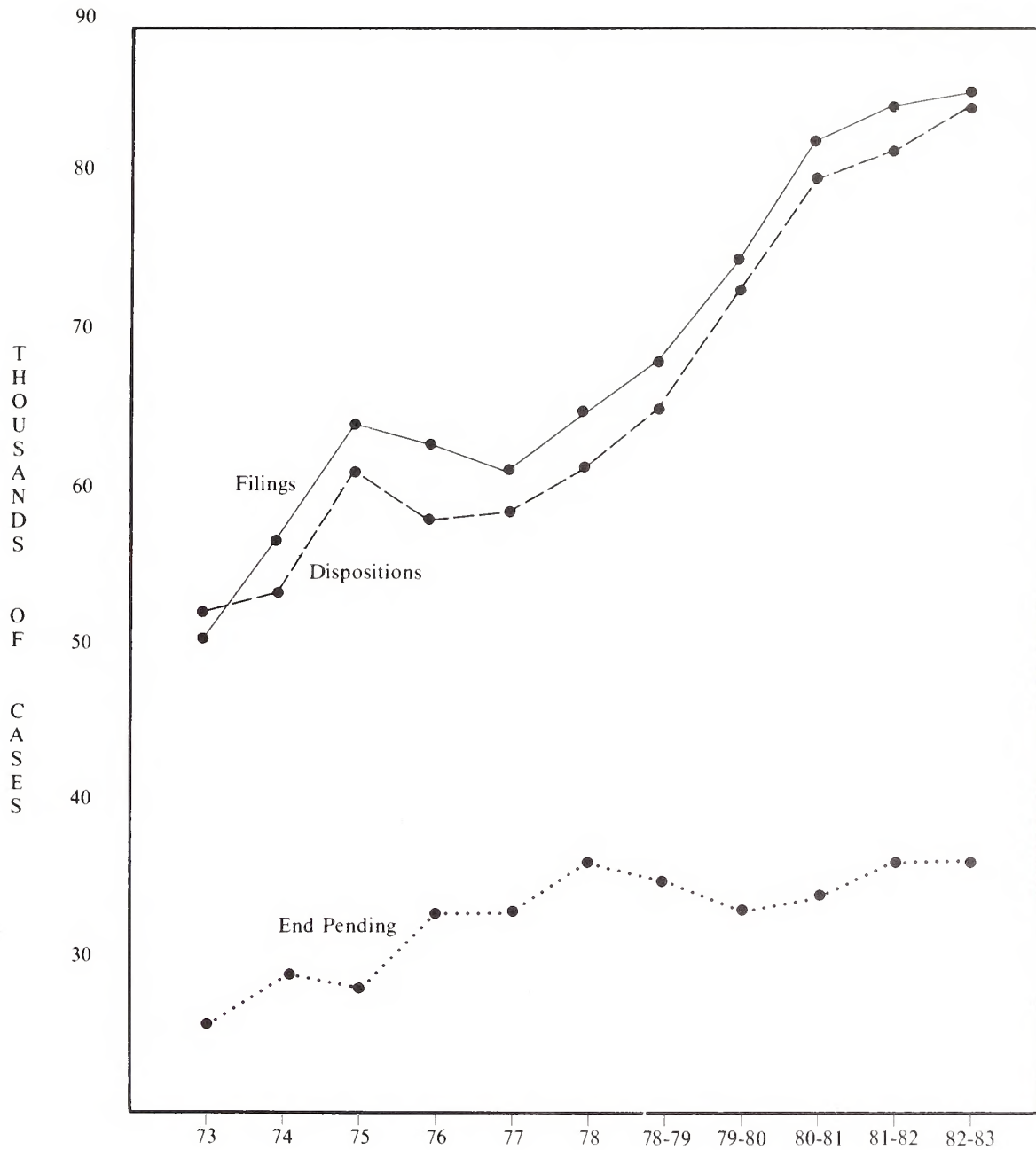


For the second straight year, civil case dispositions exceeded (105.6%) the number of civil cases filed during the same period. Felony case filings in 1982-83 exceeded

dispositions during that year by 742 cases. During the prior year, the excess of felony filings over felony dispositions was 2,087 cases.

# CASELOAD TRENDS IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

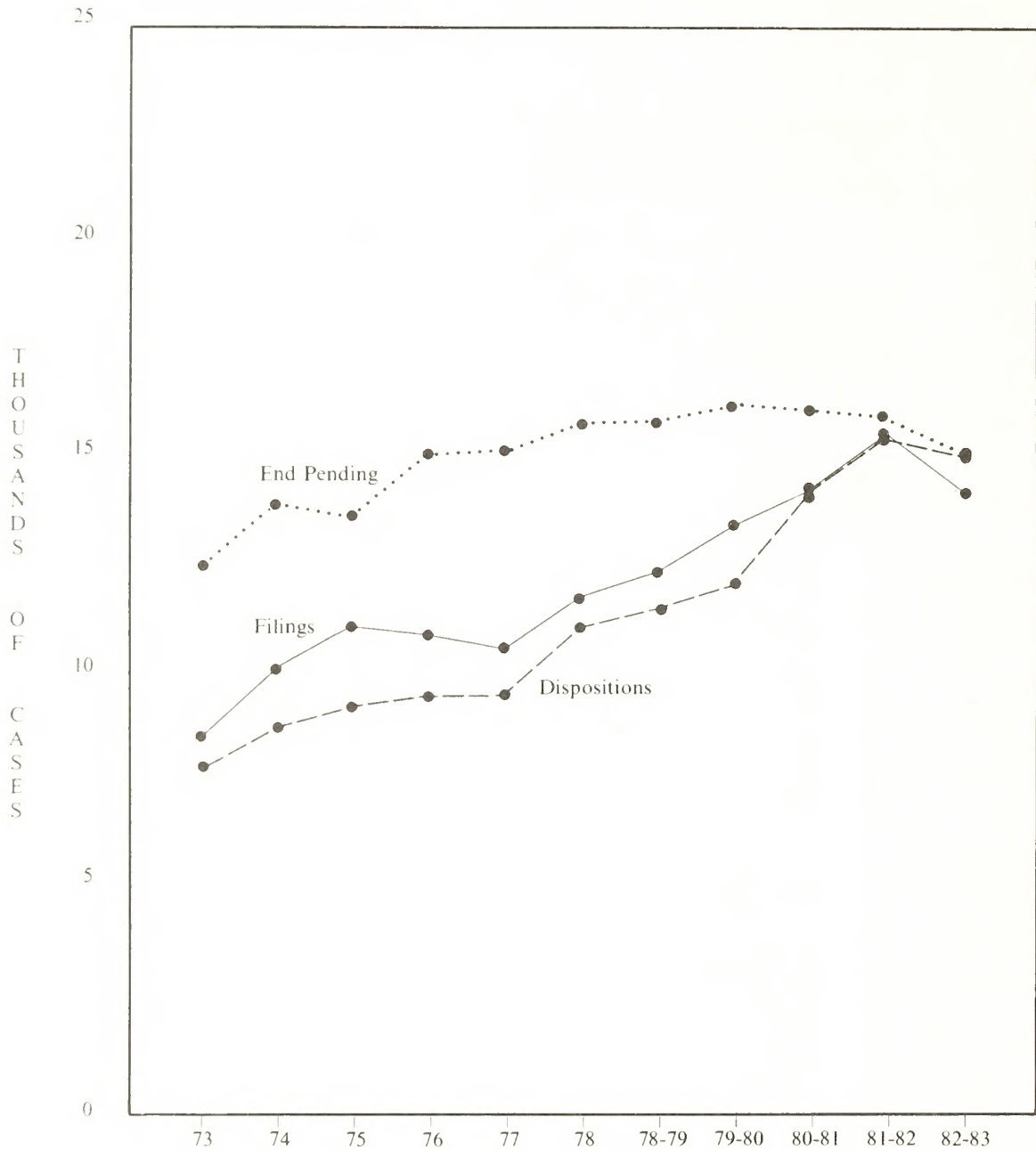
1973-1983



This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. Filings and dispositions continued the

increasing trend of the last five years. The year end pending case count increased by only 11 cases over last year.

# CASELOAD TRENDS OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS 1973-1983



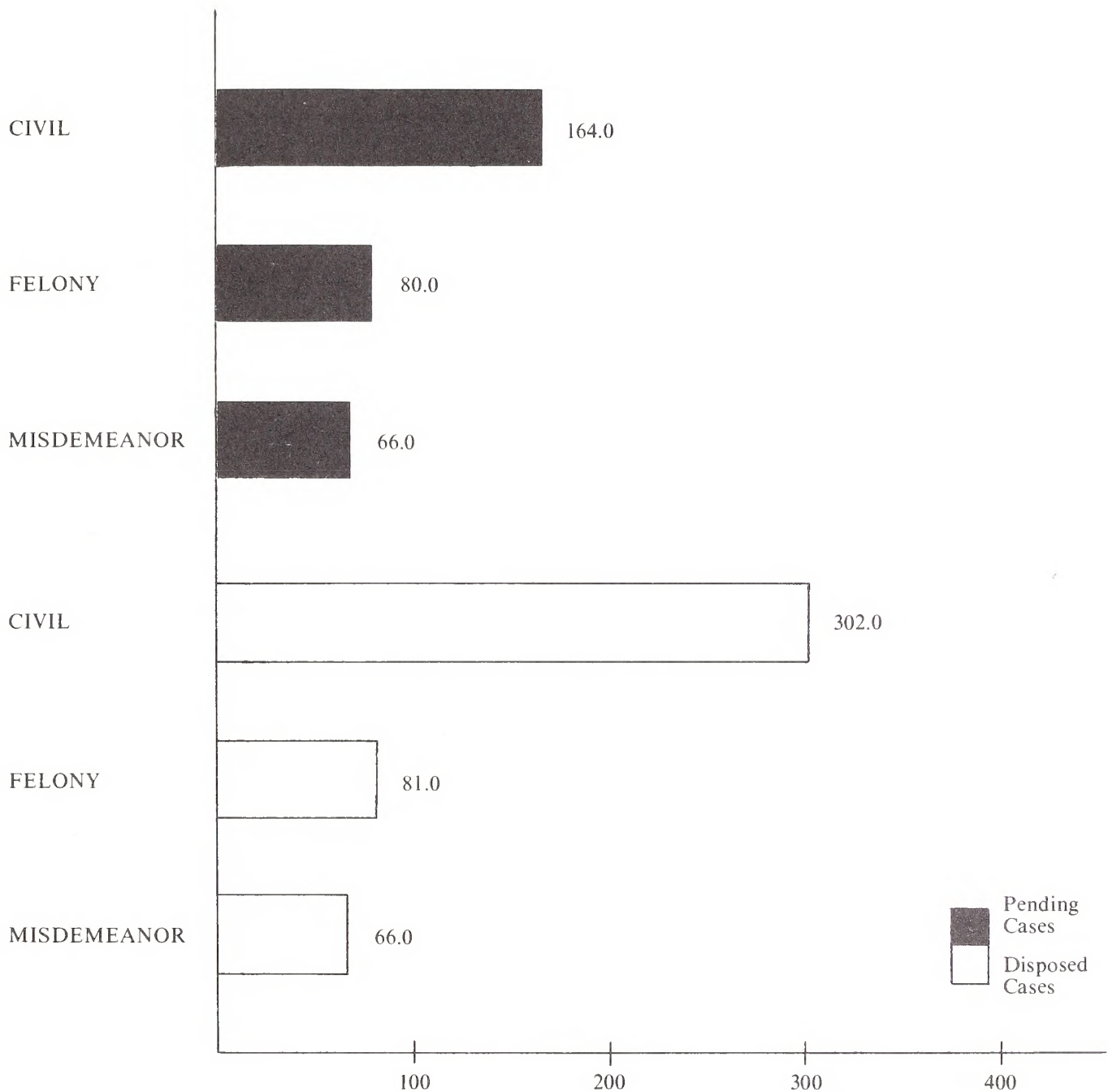
Dispositions for civil cases exceeded filings for the second year; as a result, the number of year-end pending cases

was less than the number pending at the beginning of 1982-83.



## LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

### Median Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and of Cases Disposed of During 1982-83



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was 302 days and the median age of all

criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1982-83 was less than 81 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	19	11	30	19	63.3	11
Chowan	28	24	52	26	50.0	26
Currituck	33	31	64	38	59.3	26
Dare	85	84	169	76	44.9	93
Gates	13	9	22	12	54.5	10
Pasquotank	41	75	116	57	49.1	59
Perquimans	32	31	63	30	47.6	33
District Totals	251	265	516	258	50.0	258
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	65	81	146	61	41.7	85
Hyde	15	17	32	14	43.7	18
Martin	39	35	74	41	55.4	33
Tyrrell	8	8	16	9	56.2	7
Washington	30	30	60	33	55.0	27
District Totals	157	171	328	158	48.1	170
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	136	124	260	121	46.5	139
Craven	174	193	367	183	49.8	184
Pamlico	15	21	36	19	52.7	17
Pitt	204	198	402	201	50.0	201
District Totals	529	536	1,065	524	49.2	541
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	100	87	187	86	45.9	101
Jones	18	21	39	18	46.1	21
Onslow	157	177	334	135	40.4	199
Sampson	71	75	146	78	53.4	68
District Totals	346	360	706	317	44.9	389
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	251	213	464	261	56.2	203
Pender	51	13	64	28	43.7	36
District Totals	302	226	528	289	54.7	239
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	43	28	71	46	64.7	25
Halifax	78	64	142	63	44.3	79
Hertford	56	56	112	42	37.5	70
Northampton	35	34	69	26	37.6	43
District Totals	212	182	394	177	44.9	217
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	73	105	178	90	50.5	88
Nash	144	126	270	154	57.0	116
Wilson	105	100	205	106	51.7	99
District Totals	322	331	653	350	53.5	303
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	12	14	26	11	42.3	15
Lenoir	133	161	294	156	53.0	138
Wayne	222	194	416	240	57.6	176
District Totals	367	369	736	407	55.2	329

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	71	51	122	60	49.1	62
Granville	59	41	100	53	53.0	47
Person	34	28	62	33	53.2	29
Vance	78	68	146	73	50.0	73
Warren	24	21	45	21	46.6	24
District Totals	266	209	475	240	50.5	235
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,309	1,309	2,618	1,409	53.8	1,209
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	95	143	238	128	53.7	110
Johnston	162	269	431	292	67.7	139
Lee	63	73	136	87	63.9	49
District Totals	320	485	805	507	62.9	298
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	399	430	829	355	42.8	474
Hoke	4	17	21	10	47.6	11
District Totals	403	447	850	365	42.9	485
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	34	60	94	52	55.3	42
Brunswick	75	59	134	73	54.4	61
Columbus	141	104	245	107	43.6	138
District Totals	250	223	473	232	49.0	241
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	462	452	914	484	52.9	430
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	187	156	343	165	48.1	178
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	35	57	92	51	55.4	41
Orange	152	151	303	145	47.8	158
District Totals	187	208	395	196	49.6	199
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	133	139	272	142	52.2	130
Scotland	31	18	49	34	69.3	15
District Totals	164	157	321	176	54.8	145
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	17	13	30	21	70.0	9
Rockingham	120	131	251	158	62.9	93
District Totals	137	144	281	179	63.7	102
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	25	28	53	36	67.9	17
Surry	100	157	257	143	55.6	114
District Totals	125	185	310	179	57.7	131



# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 18</u>						
<u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	1,310	849	2,159	886	41.0	1,273
High Point	259	219	478	208	43.5	270
District Totals	1,569	1,068	2,637	1,094	41.4	1,543
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	176	109	285	139	48.7	146
Rowan	149	156	305	177	58.0	128
District Totals	325	265	590	316	53.5	274
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	22	12	34	14	41.1	20
Randolph	171	117	288	132	45.8	156
District Totals	193	129	322	146	45.3	176
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	67	50	117	49	41.8	68
Moore	161	61	222	98	44.1	124
Richmond	126	50	176	82	46.5	94
Stanly	94	62	156	58	37.1	98
Union	162	132	294	158	53.7	136
District Totals	610	355	965	445	46.1	520
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	571	702	1,273	695	54.5	578
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	11	40	51	20	39.2	31
Davidson	156	182	338	193	57.1	145
Davie	49	51	100	46	46.0	54
Iredell	130	191	321	192	59.8	129
District Totals	346	464	810	451	55.6	359
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	5	16	21	9	42.8	12
Ashe	17	19	36	16	44.4	20
Wilkes	146	104	250	124	49.6	126
Yadkin	24	37	61	29	47.5	32
District Totals	192	176	368	178	48.3	190
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	25	55	80	35	43.7	45
Madison	30	29	59	22	37.2	37
Mitchell	24	27	51	25	49.0	26
Watauga	67	74	141	68	48.2	73
Yancey	21	18	39	22	56.4	17
District Totals	167	203	370	172	46.4	198
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	195	155	350	149	42.5	201
Caldwell	174	130	304	151	49.6	153
Catawba	290	288	578	313	54.1	265
District Totals	659	573	1,232	613	49.7	619
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	2,480	1,788	4,268	1,944	45.5	2,324

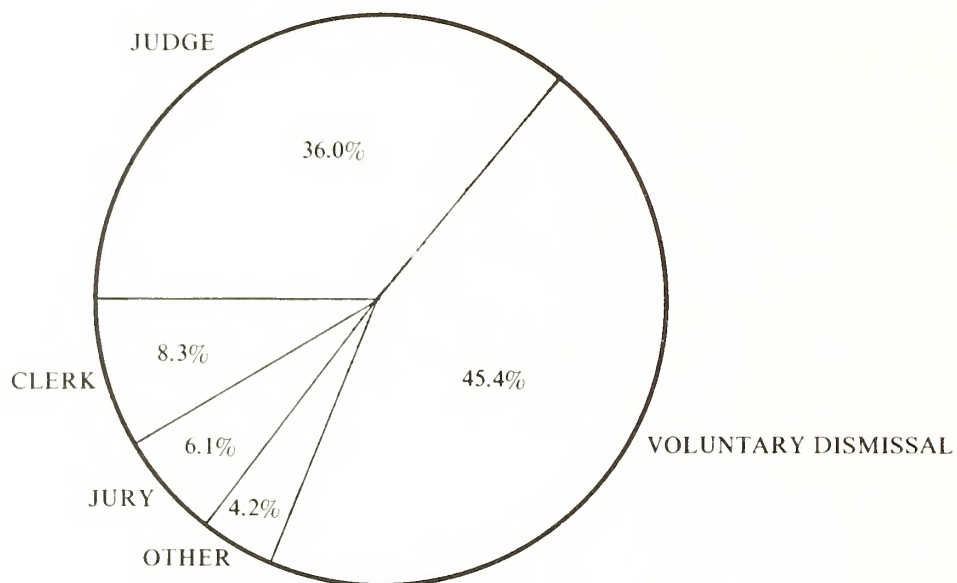
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	577	406	983	601	61.1	382
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	132	150	282	158	56.0	124
Lincoln	40	74	114	67	58.7	47
District Totals	172	224	396	225	56.8	171
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	506	543	1,049	589	56.1	460
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	171	112	283	109	38.5	174
McDowell	51	50	101	55	54.4	46
Polk	20	21	41	19	46.3	22
Rutherford	95	86	181	73	40.3	108
Transylvania	42	49	91	46	50.5	45
District Totals	379	318	697	302	43.3	395
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	43	25	68	38	55.8	30
Clay	12	11	23	17	73.9	6
Graham	17	6	23	13	56.5	10
Haywood	97	84	181	79	43.6	102
Jackson	122	57	179	78	43.5	101
Macon	49	57	106	36	33.9	70
Swain	36	25	61	33	54.0	28
District Totals	376	265	641	294	45.8	347
State Totals	15,418	13,894	29,312	14,677	50.0	14,635

## METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1982-1983



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior cases during 1982-83 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of dispositions.

When compared to 1981-82, these percentages show increased dispositions within the voluntary dismissal and judge categories, and declines in the clerk and other categories.



# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	19	2	2	3	7	5
Chowan	26	10	2	8	4	2
Currituck	38	16	0	7	12	3
Dare	76	18	2	8	38	10
Gates	12	7	0	3	1	1
Pasquotank	57	18	1	17	17	4
Perquimans	30	7	1	6	13	3
District Totals	258	78	8	52	92	28
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	61	17	5	8	14	17
Hyde	14	5	1	0	7	1
Martin	41	14	3	4	12	8
Tyrrell	9	3	0	0	3	3
Washington	33	16	0	4	11	2
District Totals	158	55	9	16	47	31
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	121	35	8	8	56	14
Craven	183	54	20	17	85	7
Pamlico	19	2	1	3	8	5
Pitt	201	78	7	18	98	0
District Totals	524	169	36	46	247	26
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	86	27	13	7	34	5
Jones	18	4	0	4	9	1
Onslow	135	44	11	1	73	6
Sampson	78	25	9	5	39	0
District Totals	317	100	33	17	155	12
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	261	88	11	15	147	0
Pender	28	15	3	0	9	1
District Totals	289	103	14	15	156	1
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	46	24	1	5	15	1
Halifax	63	34	0	7	16	6
Hertford	42	21	1	8	12	0
Northampton	26	7	1	2	14	2
District Totals	177	86	3	22	57	9
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	90	33	2	8	47	0
Nash	154	47	8	12	84	3
Wilson	106	46	7	9	43	1
District Totals	350	126	17	29	174	4
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	11	7	1	0	0	3
Lenoir	156	45	12	21	78	0
Wayne	240	111	8	22	99	0
District Totals	407	163	21	43	177	3

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	60	26	0	1	31	2
Granville	53	18	5	1	28	1
Person	33	10	0	1	21	1
Vance	73	21	0	6	44	2
Warren	21	10	0	3	7	1
District Totals	240	85	5	12	131	7
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,409	706	62	77	517	47
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	128	42	18	5	62	1
Johnston	292	101	21	83	86	1
Lee	87	25	9	8	44	1
District Totals	507	168	48	96	192	3
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	355	91	20	15	228	1
Hoke	10	7	0	0	1	2
District Totals	365	98	20	15	229	3
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	52	18	2	4	27	1
Brunswick	73	39	0	4	29	1
Columbus	107	34	11	7	51	4
District Totals	232	91	13	15	107	6
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	484	160	38	65	205	16
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	165	52	5	24	80	4
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	51	12	4	6	12	17
Orange	145	48	15	7	73	2
District Totals	196	60	19	13	85	19
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	142	62	12	6	49	13
Scotland	34	14	2	4	14	0
District Totals	176	76	14	10	63	13
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	21	8	0	3	8	2
Rockingham	158	50	19	19	68	2
District Totals	179	58	19	22	76	4
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	36	17	0	3	14	2
Surry	143	58	0	27	58	0
District Totals	179	75	0	30	72	2

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 18</u> <u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	886	304	49	54	454	25
High Point	208	58	16	26	100	8
District Totals	1,094	362	65	80	554	33
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	139	42	9	10	78	0
Rowan	177	53	16	9	97	2
District Totals	316	95	25	19	175	2
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	14	5	1	0	8	0
Randolph	132	62	11	5	50	4
District Totals	146	67	12	5	58	4
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	49	12	5	5	27	0
Moore	98	39	4	6	48	1
Richmond	82	38	2	11	18	13
Stanly	58	21	2	2	32	1
Union	158	45	3	30	79	1
District Totals	445	155	16	54	204	16
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	695	211	50	54	359	21
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	20	7	0	2	11	0
Davidson	193	71	16	25	76	5
Davie	46	10	1	3	28	4
Iredell	192	70	4	19	80	19
District Totals	451	158	21	49	195	28
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	9	5	0	2	0	2
Ashe	16	7	0	1	7	1
Wilkes	124	44	5	4	70	1
Yadkin	29	6	6	0	16	1
District Totals	178	62	11	7	93	5
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	35	16	0	2	1	16
Madison	22	4	5	2	11	0
Mitchell	25	8	1	2	12	2
Watauga	68	24	0	5	37	2
Yancey	22	9	2	0	11	0
District Totals	172	61	8	11	72	20
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	149	57	16	15	59	2
Caldwell	151	58	9	10	23	51
Catawba	313	109	13	35	83	73
District Totals	613	224	38	60	165	126
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	1,944	607	110	150	1,014	63



# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	601	205	54	18	320	4
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	158	55	6	11	79	7
Lincoln	67	26	6	8	26	1
District Totals	225	81	12	19	105	8
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	589	231	65	45	233	15
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	109	43	4	7	53	2
McDowell	55	26	0	3	25	1
Polk	19	7	0	0	10	2
Rutherford	73	18	12	4	30	9
Transylvania	46	21	1	2	20	2
District Totals	302	115	17	16	138	16
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	38	24	1	1	7	5
Clay	17	1	3	0	5	8
Graham	13	3	2	1	6	1
Haywood	79	38	0	8	30	3
Jackson	78	47	1	2	27	1
Macon	36	12	0	0	20	4
Swain	33	12	4	2	14	1
District Totals	294	137	11	14	109	23
State Totals	14,677	5,280	899	1,220	6,656	622

# AGES OF CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

## Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90			91-180			181-365			366-730			>730
				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	
District 1																
Camden	11	541.7	505.0	2	1	0	6	2	19	388.2	125.0	9	2	0	4	4
Chowan	26	721.3	304.0	3	2	9	5	7	26	904.2	244.5	6	6	4	4	6
Currituck	26	382.6	188.5	8	5	3	4	6	38	439.5	244.5	11	6	4	10	7
Dare	93	422.0	261.0	18	18	22	19	16	76	442.1	280.5	14	16	15	12	19
Gates	10	395.3	382.5	0	3	2	4	1	12	477.0	525.5	4	0	1	5	2
Pasquotank	59	232.5	176.0	19	11	18	9	2	57	278.2	218.0	17	9	12	17	2
Perquimans	33	331.6	246.0	7	8	6	7	5	30	363.6	288.5	8	4	4	9	5
District Totals	258	397.4	249.0	57	48	60	54	39	258	440.6	267.5	69	43	40	61	45
District 2																
Beaufort	85	280.2	240.0	22	15	20	25	3	61	502.0	253.0	16	8	15	12	10
Hyde	18	344.6	233.0	6	1	7	2	2	14	460.6	335.0	2	1	5	3	3
Martin	33	375.0	252.0	8	3	9	7	6	41	455.5	300.0	10	4	12	8	7
Tyrrell	7	425.9	258.0	1	1	3	1	1	9	277.2	228.0	2	1	4	2	0
Washington	27	273.5	175.0	10	4	6	6	1	33	326.3	323.0	6	2	11	13	1
District Totals	170	310.4	242.0	47	24	45	41	13	158	436.8	290.0	36	16	47	38	21
District 3																
Carteret	139	318.2	293.0	22	28	39	41	9	121	386.4	333.0	22	17	22	42	18
Craven	184	305.1	228.5	42	33	56	40	13	183	312.6	245.0	41	28	61	39	14
Pamlico	17	220.3	184.0	3	5	6	3	0	19	341.9	301.0	7	0	4	7	1
Pitt	201	287.2	210.0	57	35	42	55	12	201	337.1	260.0	42	31	62	47	19
District Totals	541	299.2	234.0	124	101	143	139	34	524	340.1	266.5	112	76	149	135	52
District 4																
Duplin	101	402.8	281.0	22	11	25	22	21	86	335.0	238.5	19	17	18	24	8
Jones	21	438.7	240.0	2	4	9	2	4	18	454.0	363.0	3	1	5	6	3
Onslow	199	357.7	245.0	39	41	53	45	21	135	420.5	311.0	24	26	28	33	24
Sampson	68	310.2	225.5	12	15	20	15	6	78	314.5	234.0	18	14	19	19	8
District Totals	389	365.5	240.0	75	71	107	84	52	317	373.1	273.0	64	58	70	82	43
District 5																
New Hanover	203	332.0	273.0	34	40	51	64	14	261	340.2	277.0	65	21	76	73	26
Pender	36	653.6	635.5	3	3	3	13	14	28	782.2	795.0	0	0	7	4	17
District Totals	239	380.4	318.0	37	43	54	77	28	289	383.0	303.0	65	21	83	77	43
District 6																
Bertie	25	348.9	191.0	7	5	5	5	3	46	323.5	319.0	9	4	20	10	3
Halifax	79	500.2	357.0	11	9	21	25	13	63	381.8	315.0	13	14	10	18	8
Hertford	70	440.2	228.0	17	15	9	18	11	42	273.2	216.0	13	4	12	12	1
Northampton	43	374.9	240.0	5	10	11	11	6	26	439.6	253.0	7	4	4	6	5
District Totals	217	438.6	295.0	40	39	46	59	33	177	349.4	312.0	42	26	46	46	17

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		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365				366-730	>730	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 7																
Edgcombe	88	217.1	132.0	32	20	17	16	3	90	263.0	174.5	21	28	18	5	5
Nash	116	341.7	213.0	27	22	34	21	12	154	439.3	363.5	29	14	33	48	30
Wilson	99	314.3	224.0	18	24	25	25	7	106	385.5	265.5	23	17	28	21	17
District Totals	303	296.6	190.0	77	66	76	62	22	350	377.7	268.5	73	59	79	87	52
District 8																
Greene	15	239.2	230.0	4	3	6	1	1	11	357.4	391.0	3	1	1	5	1
Lenoir	138	238.0	153.0	43	36	31	24	4	156	314.3	278.0	29	18	53	50	6
Wayne	176	328.4	227.5	43	31	44	41	17	240	366.7	313.5	49	23	67	75	26
District Totals	329	286.4	196.0	90	70	81	66	22	407	346.4	299.5	81	42	121	130	33
District 9																
Franklin	62	432.4	335.0	10	5	18	18	11	60	511.8	324.0	8	12	15	15	10
Granville	47	340.0	272.0	4	10	15	14	4	53	467.6	394.0	8	5	10	19	11
Person	29	435.2	449.0	4	4	5	11	5	33	320.5	212.0	8	7	4	11	3
Vance	73	286.3	157.0	17	21	12	19	4	73	343.8	231.0	17	15	12	21	8
Warren	24	390.2	216.5	7	3	5	4	5	21	444.0	298.0	3	2	6	8	2
District Totals	235	364.6	266.0	42	43	55	66	29	240	418.7	318.5	44	41	47	74	34
District 10																
Wake	1,209	299.9	232.0	303	203	329	276	98	1,409	307.4	239.0	300	290	402	316	101
District 11																
Harnett	110	223.2	187.5	19	35	37	17	2	128	278.0	196.5	33	27	24	38	6
Johnston	139	231.6	157.0	44	29	35	26	5	292	196.1	113.0	126	54	60	48	4
Lee	49	212.1	142.0	10	19	12	7	1	87	344.4	274.0	16	11	30	21	9
District Totals	298	225.3	165.5	73	83	84	50	8	507	242.2	161.0	175	92	114	107	19
District 12																
Cumberland	474	323.9	249.5	101	87	125	116	45	355	384.5	325.0	75	42	80	112	46
Hoke	11	243.9	141.0	4	2	2	3	0	10	88.8	60.5	7	1	2	0	0
District Totals	485	322.1	244.0	105	89	127	119	45	365	376.4	314.0	82	43	82	112	46
District 13																
Bladen	42	202.5	163.5	14	8	11	9	0	52	247.9	163.5	13	14	10	14	1
Brunswick	61	369.5	337.0	7	9	20	15	10	73	420.3	370.0	8	12	15	30	8
Columbus	138	395.0	295.0	25	20	34	38	21	107	450.5	421.0	18	16	17	35	21
District Totals	241	355.0	282.0	46	37	65	62	31	232	395.6	334.5	39	42	42	79	30
District 14																
Durham	430	286.0	206.0	103	86	116	93	32	484	386.0	300.5	99	72	104	142	67



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District 15A																	
Alamance	178	432.2	342.5	27	31	37	54	29	165	459.8	294.0	49	18	23	36	39	
District 15B																	
Chatham	41	257.4	268.0	9	5	20	6	1	51	264.9	244.0	12	7	17	15	0	
Orange	158	276.5	216.0	27	42	42	42	5	145	325.2	322.0	21	18	50	51	5	
District Totals	199	272.6	238.0	36	47	62	48	6	196	309.5	293.5	33	25	67	66	5	
District 16																	
Robeson	130	318.3	284.0	31	16	35	37	11	142	361.5	313.5	34	14	33	47	14	
Scotland	15	356.9	232.0	2	3	4	3	3	34	382.4	260.5	4	8	7	11	4	
District Totals	145	322.3	276.0	33	19	39	40	14	176	365.5	294.0	38	22	40	58	18	
District 17A																	
Caswell	9	269.0	324.0	1	2	3	3	0	21	476.9	294.0	2	6	5	4	4	
Rockingham	93	224.7	212.0	24	21	26	22	0	158	277.5	262.0	34	20	59	41	4	
District Totals	102	228.6	212.0	25	23	29	25	0	179	300.9	263.0	36	26	64	45	8	
District 17B																	
Stokes	17	157.6	155.0	5	7	4	1	0	36	298.6	265.0	5	5	18	6	2	
Surry	114	204.4	176.5	26	33	38	16	1	143	230.6	200.0	42	24	47	26	4	
District Totals	131	198.3	156.0	31	40	42	17	1	179	244.3	207.0	47	29	65	32	6	
District 18																	
Guilford																	
Greensboro	1,273	491.9	392.0	198	147	258	340	330	886	710.2	478.5	170	91	133	147	345	
High Point	270	390.7	329.5	36	53	55	91	35	208	493.0	291.5	41	33	40	32	62	
District Totals	1,543	474.2	379.0	234	200	313	431	365	1,094	668.9	441.5	211	124	173	179	407	
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	146	488.2	317.0	21	18	44	38	25	139	471.6	435.0	23	7	24	63	22	
Rowan	128	241.4	187.0	34	28	40	21	5	177	346.9	330.0	30	25	42	72	8	
District Totals	274	372.9	254.0	55	46	84	59	30	316	401.8	376.0	53	32	66	135	30	
District 19B																	
Montgomery	20	462.6	428.0	2	1	4	10	3	14	505.1	362.0	1	3	3	5	2	
Randolph	156	398.5	351.5	24	29	28	53	22	132	435.3	348.5	23	11	38	33	27	
District Totals	176	405.8	362.5	26	30	32	63	25	146	442.0	348.5	24	14	41	38	29	
District 20																	
Anson	68	505.4	247.5	16	14	10	13	15	49	684.5	619.0	6	4	5	14	20	
Moore	124	485.8	421.0	12	14	22	58	18	98	555.7	429.0	9	7	21	33	28	
Richmond	94	728.5	531.5	9	11	14	23	37	82	537.3	542.5	11	8	10	21	32	
Stanly	98	455.1	372.0	16	7	26	38	11	58	532.2	335.0	6	9	20	14	9	
Union	136	313.5	259.5	27	24	37	42	6	158	382.7	358.5	31	18	32	61	16	
District Totals	520	481.4	373.5	80	70	109	174	87	445	502.0	408.0	63	46	88	143	105	

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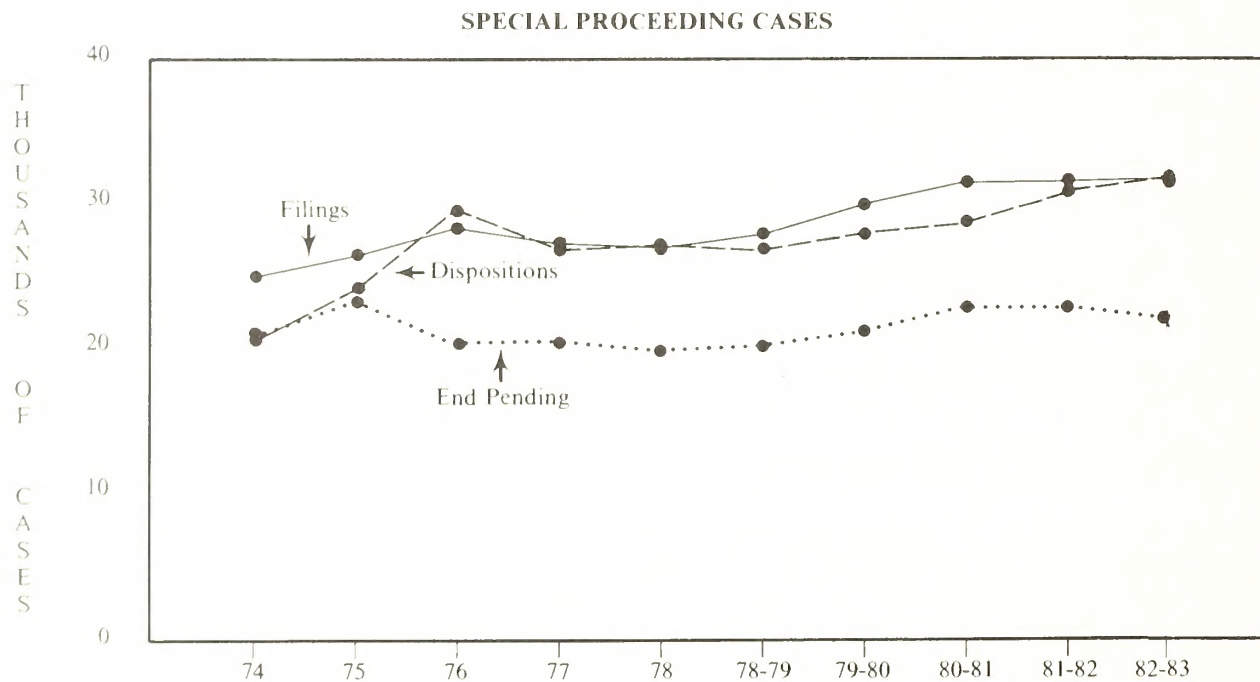
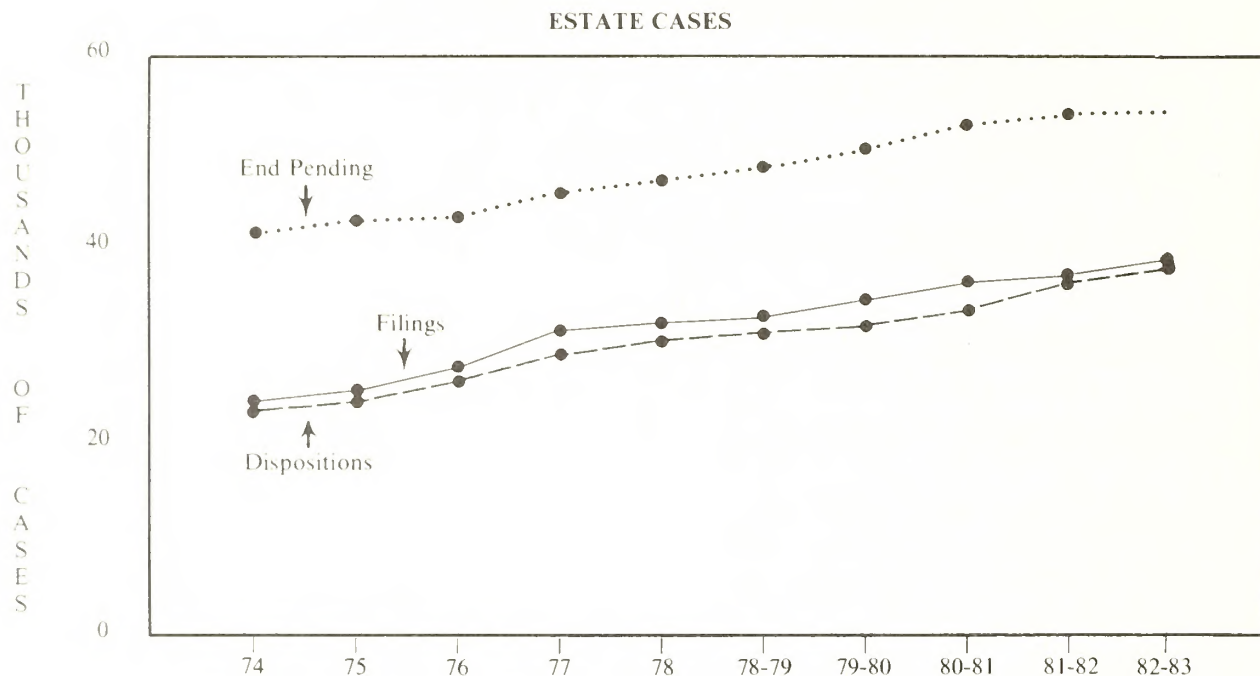
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District 21																
Forsyth	578	238.7	177.0	166	125	175	89	23	695	346.6	271.0	139	90	229	173	64
District 22																
Alexander	31	165.4	125.0	9	9	12	1	0	20	231.4	129.5	8	4	2	5	1
Davidson	145	252.4	197.0	43	24	42	29	7	193	300.6	248.0	47	26	52	63	5
Davie	54	269.6	209.5	16	8	13	16	1	46	269.3	289.0	9	4	20	13	0
Iredell	129	262.0	196.0	30	29	35	30	5	192	229.0	180.0	63	33	53	35	8
District Totals	359	250.9	196.0	98	70	102	76	13	451	263.9	218.0	127	67	127	116	14
District 23																
Alleghany	12	174.7	132.5	3	5	3	1	0	9	214.1	204.0	3	0	5	1	0
Ashe	20	380.3	247.5	4	2	6	5	3	16	235.8	226.5	4	3	8	0	1
Wilkes	126	348.4	328.0	20	14	40	42	10	124	422.8	468.0	21	16	11	57	19
Yadkin	32	250.4	245.5	4	10	14	3	1	29	291.3	260.0	6	5	9	8	1
District Totals	190	324.3	278.0	31	31	63	51	14	178	374.0	357.0	34	24	33	66	21
District 24																
Avery	45	245.6	146.0	15	12	11	6	1	35	227.2	203.0	7	6	16	6	0
Madison	37	293.5	269.0	11	6	6	12	2	22	328.5	355.0	4	4	4	10	0
Mitchell	26	349.3	139.5	9	5	5	4	3	25	204.3	212.0	5	6	12	2	0
Watauga	73	293.1	247.0	26	8	17	15	7	68	246.8	207.0	12	16	23	17	0
Yancey	17	349.1	240.0	2	4	6	2	3	22	381.4	326.5	4	1	8	6	3
District Totals	198	294.6	184.0	63	35	45	39	16	172	264.3	222.5	32	33	63	41	3
District 25																
Burke	201	433.5	322.0	35	21	58	62	25	149	429.3	357.0	21	21	34	53	20
Caldwell	153	362.1	314.0	23	24	40	52	14	151	392.9	323.0	34	17	31	50	19
Catawba	265	251.6	212.0	57	56	93	47	12	313	356.7	340.0	66	33	75	112	27
District Totals	619	338.0	266.0	115	101	191	161	51	613	383.3	340.0	121	71	140	215	66
District 26																
Mecklenburg	2,324	387.4	343.0	414	298	509	830	273	1,944	459.1	368.5	386	218	360	461	519
District 27A																
Gaston	382	316.7	241.5	76	78	109	95	24	601	480.4	456.0	94	51	100	242	114
District 27B																
Cleveland	124	214.8	174.5	34	29	37	21	3	158	251.0	254.0	43	21	55	37	2
Lincoln	47	158.0	132.0	16	11	17	3	0	67	202.6	217.0	18	13	30	6	0
District Totals	171	199.2	241.5	50	40	54	24	3	225	236.6	228.0	61	34	85	43	2
District 28																
Buncombe	460	269.8	193.5	115	101	143	80	21	589	345.3	281.0	93	74	221	145	56

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District 29																
Henderson	174	420.7	377.5	20	17	45	70	22	109	577.6	523.0	17	16	15	14	47
McDowell	46	313.2	202.0	9	12	13	7	5	55	439.1	344.0	8	6	15	17	9
Polk	22	415.1	316.0	5	2	6	3	6	19	403.8	315.0	2	5	4	5	3
Rutherford	108	358.2	313.0	12	18	35	33	10	73	429.8	369.0	11	13	12	21	16
Tennessee	45	267.7	198.0	10	12	9	13	1	46	395.4	294.5	10	5	13	14	4
District Totals	395	373.4	314.0	56	61	108	126	44	302	478.0	356.0	48	45	59	71	79
District 30																
Cherokee	30	422.7	347.5	4	3	8	12	3	38	442.2	278.0	6	5	13	10	4
Clay	6	308.0	250.5	0	1	3	2	0	17	427.9	246.0	2	4	3	6	2
Graham	10	363.7	422.0	2	2	0	4	2	13	508.5	486.0	1	0	4	6	2
Haywood	102	409.8	334.5	23	9	25	29	16	79	394.0	301.0	20	6	16	26	11
Jackson	101	581.4	503.0	11	15	15	23	37	78	644.0	652.0	12	5	11	13	37
Macon	70	483.6	262.0	16	10	15	18	11	36	376.2	283.5	11	5	5	9	6
Swain	28	515.0	390.5	5	2	7	6	8	33	412.7	224.0	6	8	7	3	9
District Totals	347	481.1	359.0	61	42	73	94	77	294	473.5	349.0	58	33	59	73	71
State Totals	14,635	351.5	164.0	3,011	2,491	3,707	3,824	1,602	14,677	400.0	302.0	3,028	1,997	3,529	3,864	2,259

# CASELOAD TRENDS IN ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

1974-83



During 1982-83, estate caseloads continued the established increasing trend of the past. Special proceedings filings increased by only .5% over 1981-82 filings; dispositions increased by 4.0% during the year and exceeded

filings for the first time since 1978. This difference is reflected in the decrease in pending cases at the end of the 1982-83 year.



# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	40	61	101	59	58.4	42	19	20	39	23	58.9	16
Chowan	184	116	300	102	34.0	198	97	60	157	60	38.2	97
Currituck	111	99	210	88	41.9	122	52	77	129	67	51.9	62
Dare	493	166	659	111	16.8	548	112	104	216	92	42.5	124
Gates	60	77	137	56	40.8	81	17	26	43	32	74.4	11
Pasquotank	247	240	487	225	46.2	262	85	116	201	114	56.7	87
Perquimans	163	74	237	68	28.6	169	39	36	75	31	41.3	44
District Totals	1,298	833	2,131	709	33.2	1,422	421	439	860	419	48.7	441
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	453	415	868	542	62.4	326	372	164	536	143	26.6	393
Hyde	58	128	186	122	65.5	64	34	47	81	35	43.2	46
Martin	245	199	444	161	36.2	283	111	127	238	93	39.0	145
Tyrrell	37	26	63	31	49.2	32	10	15	25	14	56.0	11
Washington	133	88	221	112	50.6	109	67	84	151	82	54.3	69
District Totals	926	856	1,782	968	54.3	814	594	437	1,031	367	35.5	664
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	388	326	714	324	45.3	390	125	171	296	165	55.7	131
Craven	490	372	862	390	45.2	472	167	281	448	251	56.0	197
Pamlico	83	88	171	69	40.3	102	53	36	89	59	66.2	30
Pitt	628	599	1,227	554	45.1	673	141	514	655	488	74.5	167
District Totals	1,589	1,385	2,974	1,337	44.9	1,637	486	1,002	1,488	963	64.7	525
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	464	359	823	310	37.6	513	425	260	685	328	47.8	357
Jones	70	102	172	79	45.9	93	70	45	115	42	36.5	73
Onslow	467	294	761	280	36.7	481	382	510	892	576	64.5	316
Sampson	453	375	828	335	40.4	493	149	274	423	224	52.9	199
District Totals	1,454	1,130	2,584	1,004	38.8	1,580	1,026	1,089	2,115	1,170	55.3	945
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,270	731	2,001	739	36.9	1,262	213	769	982	715	72.8	267
Pender	201	171	372	144	38.7	228	117	104	221	91	41.1	130
District Totals	1,471	902	2,373	883	37.2	1,490	330	873	1,203	806	66.9	397
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	185	136	321	129	40.1	192	79	73	152	69	45.3	83
Halifax	615	398	1,013	318	31.3	695	478	296	774	337	43.5	437
Hertford	174	172	346	163	47.1	183	91	95	186	90	48.3	96
Northampton	182	172	354	180	50.8	174	75	105	180	114	63.3	66
District Totals	1,156	878	2,034	790	38.8	1,244	723	569	1,292	610	47.2	682
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	407	473	880	503	57.1	377	221	255	476	230	48.3	246
Nash	553	387	940	409	43.5	531	228	297	525	226	43.0	299
Wilson	651	456	1,107	395	35.6	712	348	307	655	266	40.6	389
District Totals	1,611	1,316	2,927	1,307	44.6	1,620	797	859	1,656	722	43.5	934
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	117	153	270	171	63.3	99	70	73	143	77	53.8	66
Lenoir	365	494	859	464	54.0	395	242	457	699	532	76.1	167
Wayne	948	679	1,627	623	38.2	1,004	462	756	1,218	828	67.9	390
District Totals	1,430	1,326	2,756	1,258	45.6	1,498	774	1,286	2,060	1,437	69.7	623
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	400	178	578	185	32.0	393	230	157	387	182	47.0	205
Granville	234	235	469	230	49.0	239	48	354	402	346	86.0	56
Person	242	219	461	236	51.1	225	92	144	236	132	55.9	104
Vance	367	268	635	254	40.0	381	151	141	292	141	48.2	151
Warren	224	164	388	194	50.0	194	78	96	174	93	53.4	81
District Totals	1,467	1,064	2,531	1,099	43.4	1,432	599	892	1,491	894	59.9	597

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<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	3,104	1,473	4,577	1,248	27.2	3,329	1,159	1,386	2,545	1,317	51.7	1,228
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	525	427	952	426	44.7	526	252	245	497	263	52.9	234
Johnston	681	495	1,176	698	59.3	478	150	550	700	537	76.7	163
Lee	477	219	696	213	30.6	483	329	183	512	190	37.1	322
District Totals	1,683	1,141	2,824	1,337	47.3	1,487	731	978	1,709	990	57.9	719
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	761	813	1,574	760	48.2	814	507	1,193	1,700	1,116	65.6	584
Hoke	112	82	194	99	51.0	95	61	87	148	87	58.7	61
District Totals	873	895	1,768	859	48.5	909	568	1,280	1,848	1,203	65.0	645
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	131	137	268	130	48.5	138	57	211	268	209	77.9	59
Brunswick	310	305	615	223	36.2	392	186	246	432	248	57.4	184
Columbus	388	327	715	306	42.7	409	444	251	695	221	31.7	474
District Totals	829	769	1,598	659	41.2	939	687	708	1,395	678	48.6	717
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	1,623	1,108	2,731	1,024	37.4	1,707	229	1,070	1,299	1,017	78.2	282
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	674	701	1,375	652	47.4	723	210	511	721	497	68.9	224
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	331	235	566	252	44.5	314	130	148	278	119	42.8	159
Orange	779	458	1,237	346	27.9	891	496	586	1,082	480	44.3	602
District Totals	1,110	693	1,803	598	33.1	1,205	626	734	1,360	599	44.0	761
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	499	620	1,119	544	48.6	575	227	472	699	402	57.5	297
Scotland	292	199	491	236	48.0	255	165	142	307	116	37.7	191
District Totals	791	819	1,610	780	48.4	830	392	614	1,006	518	51.4	488
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	142	131	273	131	47.9	142	117	85	202	144	71.2	58
Rockingham	758	770	1,528	594	38.8	934	535	375	910	512	56.2	398
District Totals	900	901	1,801	725	40.2	1,076	652	460	1,112	656	58.9	456
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	208	203	411	201	48.9	210	55	167	222	152	68.4	70
Surry	527	429	956	497	51.9	459	165	390	555	386	69.5	169
District Totals	735	632	1,367	698	51.0	669	220	557	777	538	69.2	239
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford	2,978	2,195	5,173	2,125	41.0	3,048	928	1,915	2,843	2,070	72.8	773
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	814	617	1,431	633	44.2	798	265	408	673	420	62.4	253
Rowan	1,035	811	1,846	893	48.3	953	338	898	1,236	964	77.9	272
District Totals	1,849	1,428	3,277	1,526	46.5	1,751	603	1,306	1,909	1,384	72.4	525
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	166	178	344	172	50.0	172	216	190	406	285	70.1	121
Randolph	569	643	1,212	644	53.1	568	214	367	581	450	77.4	131
District Totals	735	821	1,556	816	52.4	740	430	557	987	735	74.4	252

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<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	446	137	583	107	18.3	476	143	82	225	88	39.1	137
Moore	835	492	1,327	579	43.6	748	155	250	405	281	69.3	124
Richmond	805	293	1,098	445	40.5	653	411	169	580	274	47.2	306
Stanly	1,097	364	1,461	607	41.5	854	284	192	476	170	35.7	306
Union	604	364	968	566	58.4	402	309	266	575	462	80.3	113
District Totals	3,787	1,650	5,437	2,304	42.3	3,133	1,302	959	2,261	1,275	56.3	986
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	2,031	1,572	3,603	1,580	43.8	2,023	252	1,324	1,576	1,275	80.9	301
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	120	145	265	128	48.3	137	34	158	192	149	77.6	43
Davidson	743	704	1,447	672	46.4	775	238	412	650	477	73.3	173
Davie	142	143	285	145	50.8	140	96	147	243	149	61.3	94
Iredell	676	631	1,307	589	45.0	718	160	413	573	382	66.6	191
District Totals	1,681	1,623	3,304	1,534	46.4	1,770	528	1,130	1,658	1,157	69.7	501
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	93	73	166	73	43.9	93	16	56	72	51	70.8	21
Ashe	165	153	318	156	49.0	162	48	120	168	85	50.5	83
Wilkes	334	279	613	243	39.6	370	406	387	793	487	61.4	306
Yadkin	246	210	456	177	38.8	279	80	137	217	142	65.4	75
District Totals	838	715	1,553	649	41.7	904	550	700	1,250	765	61.2	485
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	128	79	207	81	39.1	126	62	107	169	93	55.0	76
Madison	170	87	257	101	39.2	156	73	53	126	65	51.5	61
Mitchell	418	124	542	77	14.2	465	55	85	140	77	55.0	63
Watauga	245	157	402	128	31.8	274	148	171	319	173	54.2	146
Yancey	151	110	261	71	27.2	190	67	46	113	22	19.4	91
District Totals	1,112	557	1,669	458	27.4	1,211	405	462	867	430	49.5	437
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	716	430	1,146	397	34.6	749	182	486	668	481	72.0	187
Caldwell	612	393	1,005	388	38.6	617	295	385	680	506	74.4	174
Catawba	1,115	659	1,774	600	33.8	1,174	329	443	772	565	73.1	207
District Totals	2,443	1,482	3,925	1,385	35.2	2,540	806	1,314	2,120	1,552	73.2	568
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	3,469	2,658	6,127	2,643	43.1	3,484	1,777	2,202	3,979	1,907	47.9	2,072
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,495	1,022	2,517	932	37.0	1,585	767	753	1,520	763	50.1	757
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	567	552	1,119	482	43.0	637	161	499	660	518	78.4	142
Lincoln	262	265	527	256	48.5	271	97	217	314	230	73.2	84
District Totals	829	817	1,646	738	44.8	908	258	716	974	748	76.7	226
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1,996	1,259	3,255	1,178	36.1	2,077	795	980	1,775	888	50.0	887
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	665	548	1,213	521	42.9	692	142	267	409	251	61.3	158
McDowell	317	220	537	167	31.0	370	236	165	401	241	60.0	160
Polk	217	166	383	163	42.5	220	29	74	103	79	76.6	24
Rutherford	422	446	868	397	45.7	471	300	294	594	254	42.7	340
Transylvania	446	200	646	155	23.9	491	252	113	365	72	19.7	293
District Totals	2,067	1,580	3,647	1,403	38.4	2,244	959	913	1,872	897	47.9	975

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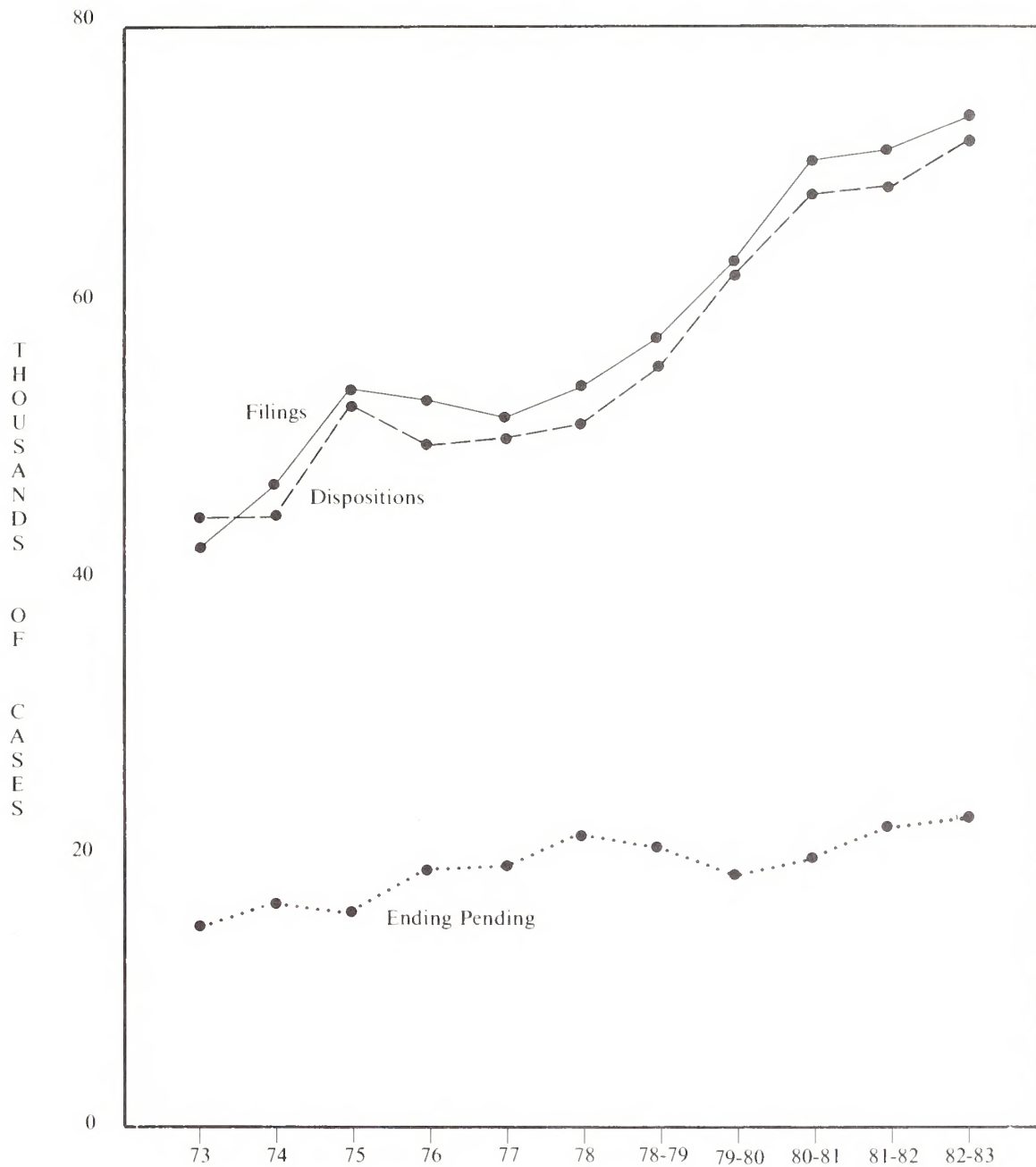
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<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	360	160	520	92	17.6	428	76	106	182	60	32.9	122
Clay	44	45	89	33	37.0	56	15	53	68	39	57.3	29
Graham	73	41	114	52	45.6	62	25	46	71	59	83.0	12
Haywood	420	357	777	332	42.7	445	183	232	415	249	60.0	166
Jackson	361	139	500	175	35.0	325	159	124	283	91	32.1	192
Macon	399	182	581	142	24.4	439	284	234	518	208	40.1	310
Swain	143	63	206	78	37.8	128	54	65	119	50	42.0	69
District Totals	1,800	987	2,787	904	32.4	1,883	796	860	1,656	756	45.6	900
State Totals	53,834	39,188	93,022	38,110	40.9	54,912	22,380	31,835	54,215	32,003	59.0	22,212



# CASELOAD TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

1973-1983



Criminal superior case filings increased by 2.8% during 1982-83, with an increase in dispositions of 4.4%. Trends among criminal cases in the superior courts are deter-

mined largely by felony cases, which substantially outnumber misdemeanor cases appealed to superior court.

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<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	8	23	31	27	87.0	4	19	63	82	45	54.8	37
Chowan	26	81	107	79	73.8	28	48	199	247	215	87.0	32
Currituck	22	39	61	52	85.2	9	31	235	266	235	88.3	31
Dare	28	128	156	118	75.6	38	98	259	357	266	74.5	91
Gates	17	17	34	30	88.2	4	12	42	54	43	79.6	11
Pasquotank	58	173	231	189	81.8	42	85	559	644	575	89.2	69
Perquimans	9	57	66	60	90.9	6	17	78	95	73	76.8	22
District Totals	168	518	686	555	80.9	131	310	1,435	1,745	1,452	83.2	293
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	86	433	519	374	72.0	145	83	261	344	247	71.8	97
Hyde	7	101	108	56	51.8	52	34	45	79	46	58.2	33
Martin	60	129	189	155	82.0	34	65	112	177	164	92.6	13
Tyrrell	22	25	47	47	100.0	0	23	69	92	70	76.0	22
Washington	54	100	154	134	87.0	20	20	59	79	62	78.4	17
District Totals	229	788	1,017	766	75.3	251	225	546	771	589	76.3	182
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	92	269	361	306	84.7	55	11	105	116	92	79.3	24
Craven	205	481	686	611	89.0	75	62	214	276	240	86.9	36
Pamlico	34	41	75	57	76.0	18	6	29	35	26	74.2	9
Pitt	212	720	932	750	80.4	182	136	487	623	504	80.8	119
District Totals	543	1,511	2,054	1,724	83.9	330	215	835	1,050	862	82.0	188
<u>District 4</u>												
Duplin	45	377	422	346	81.9	76	1	27	28	21	75.0	7
Jones	3	44	47	38	80.8	9	3	6	9	9	100.0	0
Onslow	258	1,243	1,501	1,165	77.6	336	28	89	117	85	72.6	32
Sampson	124	395	519	428	82.4	91	6	96	102	93	91.1	9
District Totals	430	2,059	2,489	1,977	79.4	512	38	218	256	208	81.2	48
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	356	1,481	1,837	1,520	82.7	317	189	695	884	825	93.3	59
Pender	65	96	161	125	77.6	36	36	95	131	91	69.4	40
District Totals	421	1,577	1,998	1,645	82.3	353	225	790	1,015	916	90.2	99
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	57	105	162	136	83.9	26	34	63	97	78	80.4	19
Halifax	112	439	551	454	82.3	97	90	236	326	223	68.4	103
Hertford	44	195	239	201	84.1	38	44	85	129	110	85.2	19
Northampton	16	83	99	74	74.7	25	19	40	59	39	66.1	20
District Totals	229	822	1,051	865	82.3	186	187	424	611	450	73.6	161
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	42	312	354	298	84.1	56	42	252	294	260	88.4	34
Nash	117	456	573	497	86.7	76	66	301	367	290	79.0	77
Wilson	129	586	715	599	83.7	116	96	335	431	374	86.7	57
District Totals	288	1,354	1,642	1,394	84.8	248	204	888	1,092	924	84.6	168
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	47	136	183	166	90.7	17	36	61	97	89	91.7	8
Lenoir	88	278	366	307	83.8	59	169	423	592	502	84.7	90
Wayne	224	543	767	640	83.4	127	113	369	482	395	81.9	87
District Totals	359	957	1,316	1,113	84.5	203	318	853	1,171	986	84.2	185
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	28	166	194	147	75.7	47	44	311	355	304	85.6	51
Granville	62	222	284	203	71.4	81	76	168	244	173	70.9	71
Person	81	252	333	288	86.4	45	119	195	314	265	84.3	49
Vance	149	235	384	272	70.8	112	154	231	385	303	78.7	82
Warren	12	75	87	42	48.2	45	24	113	137	76	55.4	61
District Totals	332	950	1,282	952	74.2	330	417	1,018	1,435	1,121	78.1	314

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<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	1,223	3,263	4,486	2,882	64.2	1,604	459	2,249	2,708	2,055	75.8	653
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	35	308	343	276	80.4	67	14	80	94	81	86.1	13
Johnston	37	306	343	303	88.3	40	40	225	265	209	78.8	56
Lee	144	344	488	427	87.5	61	37	182	219	192	87.6	27
District Totals	216	958	1,174	1,006	85.6	168	91	487	578	482	83.3	96
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	384	1,688	2,072	1,615	77.9	457	67	697	764	607	79.4	157
Hoke	28	151	179	165	92.1	14	19	54	73	63	86.3	10
District Totals	412	1,839	2,251	1,780	79.0	471	86	751	837	670	80.0	167
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	83	151	234	170	72.6	64	46	116	162	104	64.1	58
Brunswick	163	223	386	221	57.2	165	50	132	182	132	72.5	50
Columbus	85	258	343	173	50.4	170	66	372	438	321	73.2	117
District Totals	331	632	963	564	58.5	399	162	620	782	557	71.2	225
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	322	1,512	1,834	1,355	73.8	479	118	380	498	358	71.8	140
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	234	805	1,039	770	74.1	269	198	465	663	544	82.0	119
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	50	102	152	138	90.7	14	7	34	41	38	92.6	3
Orange	63	479	542	496	91.5	46	12	82	94	80	85.1	14
District Totals	113	581	694	634	91.3	60	19	116	135	118	87.4	17
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	221	1,119	1,340	1,001	74.7	339	65	528	593	426	71.8	167
Scotland	141	229	370	188	50.8	182	97	187	284	91	32.0	193
District Totals	362	1,348	1,710	1,189	69.5	521	162	715	877	517	58.9	360
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	45	69	114	113	99.1	1	14	73	87	80	91.9	7
Rockingham	135	846	981	816	83.1	165	115	664	779	604	77.5	175
District Totals	180	915	1,095	929	84.8	166	129	737	866	684	78.9	182
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	38	186	224	155	69.1	69	62	131	193	151	78.2	42
Surry	270	439	709	574	80.9	135	190	576	766	656	85.6	110
District Totals	308	625	933	729	78.1	204	252	707	959	807	84.1	152
<u>District 18</u>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	860	2,362	3,222	2,307	71.6	915	117	610	727	545	74.9	182
High Point	262	877	1,139	806	70.7	333	86	290	376	283	75.2	93
District Totals	1,122	3,239	4,361	3,113	71.3	1,248	203	900	1,103	828	75.0	275
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	126	704	830	557	67.1	273	231	731	962	671	69.7	291
Rowan	112	635	747	608	81.3	139	104	579	683	549	80.3	134
District Totals	238	1,339	1,577	1,165	73.8	412	335	1,310	1,645	1,220	74.1	425
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	51	188	239	159	66.5	80	94	242	336	221	65.7	115
Randolph	211	616	827	481	58.1	346	156	655	811	541	66.7	270
District Totals	262	804	1,066	640	60.0	426	250	897	1,147	762	66.4	385

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<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	19	444	463	302	65.2	161	25	248	273	231	84.6	42
Moore	153	412	565	473	83.7	92	60	368	428	347	81.0	81
Richmond	105	609	714	652	91.3	62	54	403	457	375	82.0	82
Stanly	71	361	432	339	78.4	93	93	386	479	385	80.3	94
Union	114	445	559	527	94.2	32	157	625	782	737	94.2	45
District Totals	462	2,271	2,733	2,293	83.9	440	389	2,030	2,419	2,075	85.7	344
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	259	1,936	2,195	1,682	76.6	513	288	1,858	2,146	1,652	76.9	494
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	55	65	120	112	93.3	8	20	135	155	141	90.9	14
Davidson	63	441	504	335	66.4	169	37	517	554	437	78.8	117
Davie	21	52	73	62	84.9	11	35	94	129	100	77.5	29
Iredell	235	402	637	498	78.1	139	91	545	636	539	84.7	97
District Totals	374	960	1,334	1,007	75.4	327	183	1,291	1,474	1,217	82.5	257
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	10	12	22	16	72.7	6	12	35	47	43	91.4	4
Ashe	46	55	101	66	65.3	35	41	99	140	83	59.2	57
Wilkes	126	129	255	184	72.1	71	153	415	568	417	73.4	151
Yadkin	68	74	142	110	77.4	32	54	119	173	127	73.4	46
District Totals	250	270	520	376	72.3	144	260	668	928	670	72.1	258
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	79	68	147	100	68.0	47	15	14	29	21	72.4	8
Madison	18	54	72	32	44.4	40	14	16	30	20	66.6	10
Mitchell	31	42	73	44	60.2	29	5	20	25	20	80.0	5
Watauga	108	220	328	264	80.4	64	17	26	43	37	86.0	6
Yancey	24	29	53	45	84.9	8	16	14	30	21	70.0	9
District Totals	260	413	673	485	72.0	188	67	90	157	119	75.7	38
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	117	406	523	281	53.7	242	54	241	295	204	69.1	91
Caldwell	112	562	674	504	74.7	170	38	298	336	278	82.7	58
Catawba	200	802	1,002	757	75.5	245	98	500	598	465	77.7	133
District Totals	429	1,770	2,199	1,542	70.1	657	190	1,039	1,229	947	77.0	282
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	1,032	2,753	3,785	2,477	65.4	1,308	198	935	1,133	768	67.7	365
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	332	1,199	1,531	1,245	81.3	286	120	838	958	829	86.5	129
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	132	563	695	627	90.2	68	41	118	159	125	78.6	34
Lincoln	15	162	177	135	76.2	42	9	151	160	141	88.1	19
District Totals	147	725	872	762	87.3	110	50	269	319	266	83.3	53
<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	600	1,138	1,738	1,424	81.9	314	114	372	486	409	84.1	77
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	161	236	397	318	80.1	79	37	91	128	98	76.5	30
McDowell	53	176	229	166	72.4	63	13	231	244	225	92.2	19
Polk	48	57	105	63	60.0	42	16	29	45	20	44.4	25
Rutherford	230	503	733	497	67.8	236	72	208	280	206	73.5	74
Transylvania	106	69	175	98	56.0	77	29	43	72	42	58.3	30
District Totals	598	1,041	1,639	1,142	69.6	497	167	602	769	591	76.8	178



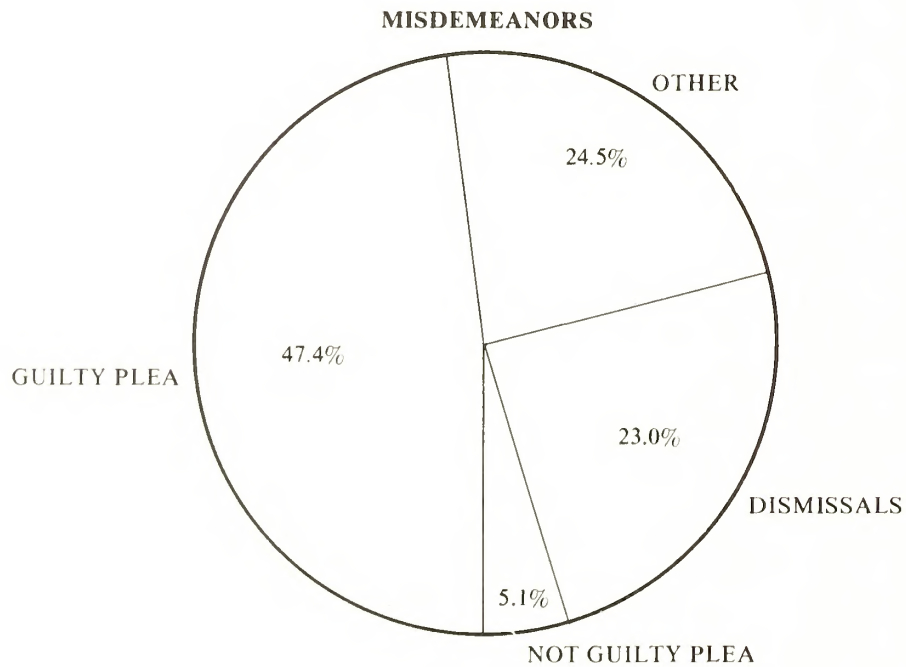
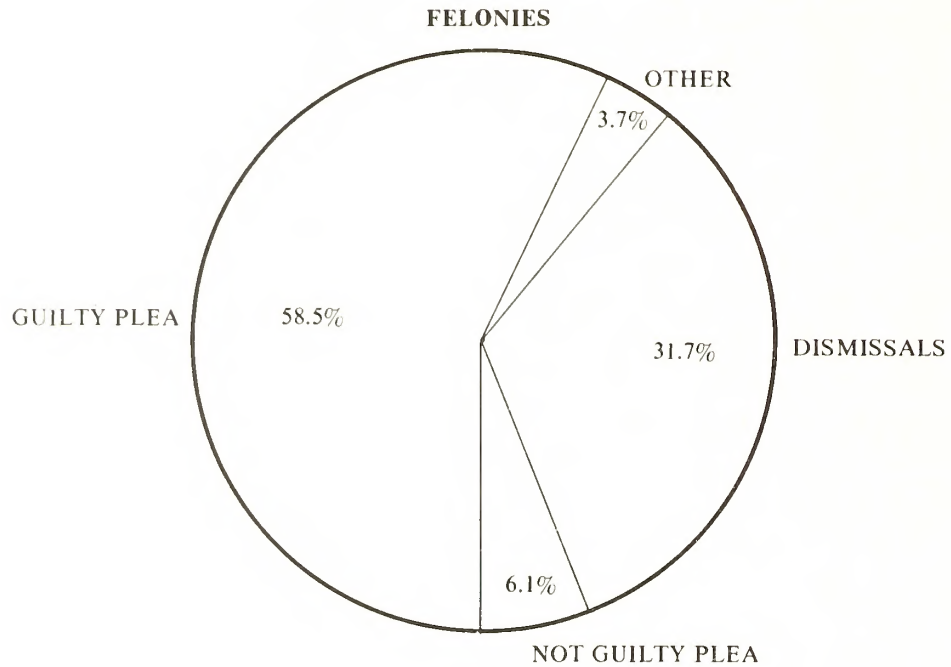
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	20	90	110	61	55.4	49	31	92	123	85	69.1	38
Clay	19	10	29	23	79.3	6	8	19	27	16	59.2	11
Graham	28	66	94	64	68.0	30	13	25	38	25	65.7	13
Haywood	144	356	500	353	70.6	147	69	262	331	236	71.2	95
Jackson	44	208	252	183	72.6	69	39	86	125	92	73.6	33
Macon	48	82	130	71	54.6	59	28	37	65	31	47.6	34
Swain	12	24	36	29	80.5	7	7	32	39	16	41.0	23
District Totals	315	836	1,151	784	68.1	367	195	553	748	501	66.9	247
State Totals	13,380	43,708	57,088	42,966	75.2	14,122	6,824	27,886	34,710	27,154	78.2	7,556

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

1982-1983



Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals and

cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>												
Camden	27	18	2	7	0	0	45	30	0	5	0	10
Chowan	79	60	0	18	0	1	215	111	7	16	0	81
Currituck	52	35	6	9	0	2	235	204	6	22	0	3
Dare	118	74	6	36	0	2	266	149	13	36	0	68
Gates	30	23	4	3	0	0	43	23	0	9	0	11
Pasquotank	189	119	15	50	0	5	575	197	7	86	0	285
Perquimans	60	28	1	25	0	6	73	37	3	5	0	28
District Totals	555	357	34	148	0	16	1,452	751	36	179	0	486
<u>District 2</u>												
Beaufort	374	232	46	53	2	41	247	174	37	26	2	8
Hyde	56	22	1	22	0	11	46	9	11	8	0	18
Martin	155	112	19	16	0	8	164	88	19	32	0	25
Tyrrell	47	28	2	15	0	2	70	31	10	14	0	15
Washington	134	74	32	21	0	7	62	13	19	13	0	17
District Totals	766	468	100	127	2	69	589	315	96	93	2	83
<u>District 3</u>												
Carteret	306	126	13	161	0	6	92	33	5	37	0	17
Craven	611	336	24	237	1	13	240	121	20	91	0	8
Pamlico	57	26	2	29	0	0	26	21	2	2	0	1
Pitt	750	439	63	227	0	21	504	188	36	136	0	144
District Totals	1,724	927	102	654	1	40	862	363	63	266	0	170
<u>District 4</u>												
Ouplin	346	216	35	85	0	10	21	10	2	3	0	6
Jones	38	18	10	8	0	2	9	3	3	0	0	3
Onslow	1,165	625	70	441	0	29	85	25	12	14	0	34
Sampson	428	209	55	147	0	17	93	74	8	6	0	5
District Totals	1,977	1,068	170	681	0	58	208	112	25	23	0	48
<u>District 5</u>												
New Hanover	1,520	939	100	443	1	37	825	500	43	165	0	117
Pender	125	74	7	41	0	3	91	47	7	15	0	22
District Totals	1,645	1,013	107	484	1	40	916	547	50	180	0	139
<u>District 6</u>												
Bertie	136	55	11	55	2	13	78	46	6	20	0	6
Halifax	454	185	29	216	0	24	223	91	12	81	0	39
Hertford	201	91	16	93	0	1	110	44	9	31	6	20
Northampton	74	32	9	25	0	8	39	13	1	15	0	10
District Totals	865	363	65	389	2	46	450	194	28	147	6	75
<u>District 7</u>												
Edgecombe	298	178	10	88	0	22	260	124	7	79	0	50
Nash	497	298	18	176	1	4	290	148	19	82	0	41
Wilson	599	366	29	182	0	22	374	218	20	94	0	42
District Totals	1,394	842	57	446	1	48	924	490	46	255	0	133
<u>District 8</u>												
Greene	166	123	3	36	0	4	89	41	8	31	0	9
Lenoir	307	149	42	99	0	17	502	211	34	139	0	118
Wayne	640	287	66	281	0	6	395	203	26	109	0	57
District Totals	1,113	559	111	416	0	27	986	455	68	279	0	184

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Dispositions	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
<u>District 9</u>												
Franklin	147	93	6	37	0	11	304	155	10	124	0	15
Granville	203	124	14	62	0	3	173	106	6	42	0	19
Person	288	162	17	105	1	3	265	112	14	95	5	39
Vance	272	127	14	119	0	12	303	153	3	106	0	41
Warren	42	19	3	13	0	7	76	32	4	34	0	6
District Totals	952	525	54	336	1	36	1,121	558	37	401	5	120
<u>District 10</u>												
Wake	2,882	1,389	119	1,295	5	74	2,055	746	64	614	0	631
<u>District 11</u>												
Harnett	276	192	27	54	0	3	81	35	4	30	0	12
Johnston	303	185	17	82	0	19	209	101	7	44	0	57
Lee	427	317	10	83	0	17	192	100	5	43	0	44
District Totals	1,006	694	54	219	0	39	482	236	16	117	0	113
<u>District 12</u>												
Cumberland	1,615	1,129	97	345	0	44	607	294	35	152	0	126
Hoke	165	83	11	41	0	30	63	35	2	21	0	5
District Totals	1,780	1,212	108	386	0	74	670	329	37	173	0	131
<u>District 13</u>												
Bladen	170	120	11	29	0	10	104	50	2	35	0	17
Brunswick	221	101	18	100	0	2	132	77	3	44	0	8
Columbus	173	118	13	33	0	9	321	152	21	62	0	86
District Totals	564	339	42	162	0	21	557	279	26	141	0	111
<u>District 14</u>												
Durham	1,355	757	69	512	0	17	358	154	15	114	0	75
<u>District 15A</u>												
Alamance	770	455	57	247	1	10	544	249	40	139	0	116
<u>District 15B</u>												
Chatham	138	94	12	26	0	6	38	17	4	9	0	8
Orange	496	274	22	190	0	10	80	27	5	20	0	28
District Totals	634	368	34	216	0	16	118	44	9	29	0	36
<u>District 16</u>												
Robeson	1,001	786	95	89	3	28	426	170	38	33	3	182
Scotland	188	143	14	24	0	7	91	60	2	9	0	20
District Totals	1,189	929	109	113	3	35	517	230	40	42	3	202
<u>District 17A</u>												
Caswell	113	81	4	22	0	6	80	46	3	12	0	19
Rockingham	816	627	24	159	1	5	604	361	17	95	0	131
District Totals	929	708	28	181	1	11	684	407	20	107	0	150
<u>District 17B</u>												
Stokes	155	100	34	13	1	7	151	55	39	21	3	33
Surry	574	420	4	117	0	33	656	361	7	68	0	220
District Totals	729	520	38	130	1	40	807	416	46	89	3	253
<u>District 18</u>												
<u>Guilford</u>												
Greensboro	2,307	1,527	92	622	2	64	545	157	12	186	0	190
High Point	806	487	23	252	0	44	283	131	9	81	0	62
District Totals	3,113	2,014	115	874	2	108	828	288	21	267	0	252



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<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	557	312	29	198	0	18	671	323	20	115	0	213
Rowan	608	389	27	159	0	33	549	288	19	85	0	157
District Totals	1,165	701	56	357	0	51	1,220	611	39	200	0	370
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	159	85	9	49	0	16	221	97	10	61	0	53
Randolph	481	292	25	131	0	33	541	233	14	78	0	216
District Totals	640	377	34	180	0	49	762	330	24	139	0	269
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	302	161	4	120	0	17	231	125	4	60	0	42
Moore	473	263	8	185	0	17	347	148	2	102	0	95
Richmond	652	261	15	361	0	15	375	150	5	159	0	61
Stanly	339	179	7	137	0	16	385	229	7	96	0	53
Union	527	293	26	194	0	14	737	383	22	169	0	163
District Totals	2,293	1,157	60	997	0	79	2,075	1,035	40	586	0	414
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	1,682	1,248	138	264	0	32	1,652	922	58	300	0	372
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	112	74	7	24	0	7	141	62	4	16	0	59
Davidson	335	205	20	39	0	71	437	146	19	79	0	193
Davie	62	47	4	6	0	5	100	30	4	27	0	39
Iredell	498	265	66	138	0	29	539	260	22	73	0	184
District Totals	1,007	591	97	207	0	112	1,217	498	49	195	0	475
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	16	10	2	4	0	0	43	29	2	10	0	2
Ashe	66	29	6	22	0	9	83	43	4	21	0	15
Wilkes	184	117	11	34	0	22	417	204	20	56	0	137
Yadkin	110	78	4	20	0	8	127	64	2	19	0	42
District Totals	376	234	23	80	0	39	670	340	28	106	0	196
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	100	37	2	58	0	3	21	13	1	7	0	0
Madison	32	9	5	17	0	1	20	4	3	11	0	2
Mitchell	44	16	0	27	0	1	20	9	1	2	0	8
Watauga	264	125	44	84	0	11	37	13	6	10	0	8
Yancey	45	24	3	17	0	1	21	10	2	8	0	1
District Totals	485	211	54	203	0	17	119	49	13	38	0	19
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	281	156	19	101	2	3	204	73	12	55	1	63
Caldwell	504	193	16	279	0	16	278	121	14	89	0	54
Catawba	757	407	52	270	2	26	465	195	47	90	0	133
District Totals	1,542	756	87	650	4	45	947	389	73	234	1	250
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	2,477	1,205	150	1,034	26	62	768	330	73	214	0	151
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1,245	619	108	457	20	41	829	315	89	178	0	247
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	627	322	23	265	0	17	125	54	4	40	0	27
Lincoln	135	100	10	21	0	4	141	44	46	11	0	40
District Totals	762	422	33	286	0	21	266	98	50	51	0	67

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<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	1,424	1,028	68	240	0	88	409	204	13	59	0	133
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	318	220	18	69	0	11	98	53	2	14	0	29
McDowell	166	99	14	46	0	7	225	122	3	63	0	37
Polk	63	36	1	23	0	3	20	5	1	6	0	8
Rutherford	497	259	60	163	0	15	206	117	13	39	0	37
Transylvania	98	51	6	35	0	6	42	21	1	8	0	12
District Totals	1,142	665	99	336	0	42	591	318	20	130	0	123
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	61	28	1	26	0	6	85	30	16	31	0	8
Clay	23	17	1	3	1	1	16	7	1	7	0	1
Graham	64	41	3	9	0	11	25	13	1	10	0	1
Haywood	353	212	21	111	0	9	236	159	7	57	0	13
Jackson	183	92	6	30	0	55	92	42	2	18	0	30
Macon	71	20	4	34	0	13	31	13	2	9	0	7
Swain	29	10	2	11	0	6	16	5	0	5	0	6
District Totals	784	420	38	224	1	101	501	269	29	137	0	66
State Totals	42,966	25,141	2,618	13,531	72	1,604	27,154	12,871	1,381	6,222	20	6,660

# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

District 1		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120		121-180	181-365	>365								
District 1	Camden	FEL 4	315.2	313.5	0	0	1	2	1	27	118.8	82.0	12	4	5	4	2	
		MIS 37	148.2	195.0	3	13	0	20	1	45	84.0	63.0	15	19	8	3	0	
	Chowan	FEL 28	130.3	149.0	9	0	16	3	0	79	99.2	83.0	28	25	15	11	0	
		MIS 32	105.3	58.0	17	4	5	6	0	215	87.4	70.0	84	75	33	20	3	
	Currituck	FEL 9	256.7	99.0	2	2	4	0	1	52	129.8	117.5	15	12	8	17	0	
		MIS 31	118.1	85.0	15	3	1	10	2	235	71.9	57.0	120	65	32	18	0	
	Dare	FEL 38	103.6	63.0	8	23	1	4	2	118	120.6	69.0	51	29	16	17	5	
		MIS 91	82.5	35.0	67	10	3	6	5	266	125.0	118.5	60	75	79	52	0	
	Gates	FEL 4	216.5	150.0	0	1	2	0	1	30	146.4	98.5	7	14	0	7	2	
		MIS 11	137.6	133.0	5	0	3	3	0	43	116.8	92.0	13	16	4	8	2	
	Pasquotank	FEL 42	257.3	45.0	24	2	2	2	12	189	109.5	74.0	66	70	28	22	3	
		MIS 69	60.9	24.0	52	6	4	6	1	575	57.4	46.0	356	137	56	23	3	
	Perquimans	FEL 6	174.0	77.5	3	1	1	0	1	60	143.5	136.0	11	18	8	22	1	
		MIS 22	70.6	47.5	12	7	1	2	0	73	84.0	63.0	31	29	5	7	1	
District Totals	FEL	131	182.2	63.0	46	31	23	12	19	555	118.4	84.0	190	172	80	100	13	
	MIS	293	93.1	57.0	171	43	17	53	9	1,452	80.5	63.0	679	416	217	131	9	
District 2	Beaufort	FEL 145	120.3	122.0	40	11	73	19	2	374	112.9	88.0	121	111	65	65	12	
		MIS 97	137.5	121.0	28	20	35	7	7	247	134.6	102.0	61	76	55	44	11	
	Hyde	FEL 52	108.6	97.0	21	9	13	9	0	56	104.0	103.0	14	17	24	0	1	
		MIS 33	206.6	143.0	7	5	10	6	5	46	202.2	132.0	12	8	8	8	10	
	Martin	FEL 34	134.0	129.0	11	6	8	9	0	155	125.4	87.0	50	39	34	26	6	
		MIS 13	111.5	80.0	6	2	3	1	1	164	145.5	97.0	60	39	18	38	9	
	Tyrrell	FEL 0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	47	94.8	120.0	17	17	10	3	0	
		MIS 22	94.8	90.0	10	9	1	1	1	70	75.1	75.5	28	32	5	5	0	
	Washington	FEL 20	157.3	63.0	10	2	3	1	4	134	129.5	99.0	51	19	28	28	8	
		MIS 17	65.1	43.0	13	3	0	0	1	62	132.2	115.5	12	21	9	19	1	
	District Totals	FEL	251	122.7	122.0	82	28	97	38	6	766	116.6	93.5	253	203	161	122	27
		MIS	182	136.2	106.0	64	39	49	15	15	589	135.6	97.0	173	176	95	114	31
	District 3	Carteret	FEL 55	200.5	171.0	12	6	23	3	11	306	107.3	76.0	115	80	51	55	5
			MIS 24	233.9	265.5	9	1	1	3	10	92	90.3	68.0	41	28	16	5	2
Craven		FEL 75	91.0	59.0	40	13	8	14	0	611	95.6	82.0	208	217	134	45	7	
		MIS 36	41.7	29.0	29	5	0	2	0	240	76.1	58.0	126	77	26	9	2	
Pamlico		FEL 18	132.5	104.0	7	6	2	1	2	57	126.3	61.0	27	7	4	19	0	
		MIS 9	264.7	237.0	0	0	1	7	1	26	106.5	96.0	3	14	8	1	0	
Pitt		FEL 182	117.2	59.0	94	58	7	7	16	750	129.0	73.0	253	280	72	100	45	
		MIS 119	109.2	49.0	66	28	4	11	10	504	99.4	59.0	252	140	44	40	28	
District Totals		FEL	330	126.0	73.0	153	83	40	25	29	1,724	113.2	77.0	603	584	261	219	57
		MIS	188	119.6	49.0	104	34	6	23	21	862	92.2	61.0	422	259	94	55	32

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District 4																	
Duplin	FEL	76	73.0	44.0	47	18	2	8	1	346	60.6	40.5	218	90	25	10	3
	MIS	7	24.1	16.0	7	0	0	0	0	21	55.0	30.0	15	4	1	1	0
Jones	FEL	9	68.9	104.0	4	5	0	0	0	38	81.4	91.5	18	11	7	2	0
	MIS	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	9	81.6	32.0	6	0	2	1	0	0
Onslow	FEL	336	68.4	49.5	185	130	3	11	7	1,165	68.3	56.0	641	367	133	20	4
	MIS	32	44.6	37.0	27	3	2	0	0	85	59.8	49.0	50	28	7	0	0
Sampson	FEL	91	28.7	20.0	87	4	0	0	0	428	67.2	31.0	292	37	16	83	0
	MIS	9	71.4	38.0	5	3	0	1	0	93	42.8	31.0	75	15	1	1	1
District Totals	FEL	512	62.0	48.0	323	157	5	19	8	1,977	67.0	53.0	1,169	505	181	115	7
	MIS	48	46.6	37.0	39	6	2	1	0	208	52.7	31.0	146	47	11	3	1
District 5																	
New Hanover	FEL	317	74.6	21.0	242	38	14	9	14	1,520	99.1	49.5	888	398	75	97	62
	MIS	59	51.1	29.0	47	6	1	4	1	825	67.9	50.0	535	171	68	41	10
Pender	FEL	36	479.0	245.5	10	3	4	4	15	125	141.9	87.0	43	35	8	39	0
	MIS	40	414.3	338.5	4	7	7	3	19	91	95.2	75.0	32	40	14	4	1
District Totals	FEL	353	115.8	23.0	252	41	18	13	29	1,645	102.4	52.0	931	433	83	136	62
	MIS	99	197.8	44.0	51	13	8	7	20	916	70.6	50.0	567	211	82	45	11
District 6																	
Bertie	FEL	26	109.2	59.0	15	3	1	7	0	136	158.2	138.5	48	18	38	24	8
	MIS	19	131.1	80.0	9	3	2	3	2	78	145.3	130.0	18	16	21	19	4
Halifax	FEL	97	173.4	206.0	18	16	6	53	4	454	90.5	51.5	235	110	48	45	16
	MIS	103	145.4	99.0	33	28	20	13	9	223	139.0	83.0	90	53	18	46	16
Hertford	FEL	38	210.8	208.5	4	2	11	17	4	201	89.3	48.0	104	61	11	19	6
	MIS	19	233.6	174.0	4	2	4	4	5	110	135.5	74.5	52	15	17	16	10
Northampton	FEL	25	180.0	171.0	9	3	3	9	1	74	102.3	99.5	19	40	9	5	1
	MIS	20	165.3	64.5	8	6	0	2	4	39	147.0	98.0	13	13	5	5	3
District Totals	FEL	186	173.0	196.0	46	24	21	86	9	865	101.9	68.0	406	229	106	93	31
	MIS	161	156.6	99.0	54	39	26	22	20	450	139.9	91.0	173	97	61	86	33
District 7																	
Edgecombe	FEL	56	102.3	10.0	43	3	0	4	6	298	55.4	38.0	204	74	11	6	3
	MIS	34	106.6	51.5	19	7	2	3	3	260	65.1	45.0	162	63	18	16	1
Nash	FEL	76	94.3	98.0	18	47	2	9	0	497	69.8	40.0	301	97	54	42	3
	MIS	77	142.4	66.0	32	21	4	9	11	290	88.8	40.0	172	78	19	13	8
Wilson	FEL	116	233.0	115.0	25	35	17	21	18	599	114.2	67.0	259	179	55	77	29
	MIS	57	340.1	115.0	20	14	4	1	18	374	94.7	84.0	133	153	33	51	4
District Totals	FEL	248	161.0	98.0	86	85	19	34	24	1,394	85.8	52.0	764	350	120	125	35
	MIS	168	202.2	66.0	71	42	10	13	32	924	84.5	60.0	467	294	70	80	13



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<u>District 8</u>																	
	Greene	17	72.2	62.0	5	9	2	1	0	166	115.6	72.0	77	20	42	18	9
	MIS	8	76.3	69.0	3	4	0	1	0	89	103.2	74.0	35	29	7	15	3
	Lenoir	59	113.1	92.0	13	28	10	6	2	307	101.7	81.0	129	84	41	45	8
	MIS	90	69.6	54.5	47	34	3	4	2	502	103.4	79.0	211	113	97	74	7
	Wayne	127	84.7	44.0	65	41	5	9	7	640	89.5	77.5	246	252	87	52	3
	MIS	87	72.5	44.0	54	17	8	6	2	395	86.9	65.0	176	132	47	37	3
	District Totals	203	91.9	73.0	83	78	17	16	9	1,113	96.8	77.0	452	356	170	115	20
	MIS	185	71.3	44.0	104	55	11	11	4	986	96.8	72.0	422	274	151	126	13
<u>District 9</u>																	
	Franklin	47	118.8	66.0	20	17	1	3	6	147	85.6	66.0	64	46	25	10	2
	MIS	51	197.2	73.0	7	25	5	9	5	304	74.2	46.0	201	53	26	18	6
	Granville	81	481.5	160.0	19	16	6	11	29	203	121.9	101.0	54	82	39	20	8
	MIS	71	164.0	78.0	27	15	12	13	4	173	135.1	100.0	31	84	22	27	9
	Person	45	110.7	133.0	18	4	19	2	2	288	134.0	91.5	82	101	48	30	27
	MIS	49	133.3	112.0	14	11	12	9	3	265	230.0	165.0	21	66	54	72	52
	Vance	112	217.7	92.0	42	17	8	27	18	272	147.4	109.0	71	83	47	43	28
	MIS	82	168.3	78.0	31	27	4	13	7	303	171.9	120.0	86	65	54	72	26
	Warren	45	111.4	127.0	15	4	21	5	0	42	178.0	102.0	13	10	5	13	1
	MIS	61	82.6	43.0	41	10	4	4	2	76	154.9	76.0	25	23	14	8	6
	District Totals	330	239.3	101.0	114	58	55	48	55	952	129.7	93.5	284	322	164	116	66
	MIS	314	149.9	73.0	120	88	37	48	21	1,121	152.3	100.0	364	291	170	197	99
<u>District 10</u>																	
	Wake	1,604	151.9	116.0	408	403	365	321	107	2,882	163.5	116.0	643	862	616	499	262
	MIS	653	117.4	84.0	268	157	90	117	21	2,055	95.6	66.0	967	528	261	242	57
<u>District 11</u>																	
	Harnett	67	71.5	66.0	18	44	3	1	1	276	63.0	50.0	177	60	26	11	2
	MIS	13	102.0	79.0	3	7	1	1	1	81	80.8	72.0	36	27	11	7	0
	Johnston	40	201.3	41.0	25	1	3	2	9	303	59.3	44.0	203	54	38	8	0
	MIS	56	254.2	98.0	25	4	1	7	19	209	61.4	47.0	125	60	18	5	1
	Lee	61	150.6	51.0	41	2	3	4	11	427	82.8	75.0	177	162	61	27	0
	MIS	27	408.0	331.0	6	4	1	4	12	192	58.1	47.0	110	69	6	7	0
	District Totals	168	131.1	62.0	84	47	9	7	21	1,006	70.3	53.0	557	276	125	46	2
	MIS	96	276.8	108.5	34	15	3	12	32	482	63.3	50.0	271	156	35	19	1
<u>District 12</u>																	
	Cumberland	457	104.2	59.0	252	98	40	35	32	1,615	101.0	84.0	538	604	301	138	34
	MIS	157	91.9	79.0	64	48	37	8	0	607	86.6	78.0	195	283	84	44	1
	Hoke	14	118.0	118.5	3	4	5	2	0	165	105.1	67.0	60	59	20	17	9
	MIS	10	82.1	87.0	3	4	3	0	0	63	105.8	90.0	24	17	9	11	2
	District Totals	471	104.6	59.0	255	102	45	37	32	1,780	101.4	84.0	598	663	321	155	43
	MIS	167	91.3	79.0	67	52	40	8	0	670	88.4	78.0	219	300	93	55	3

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District 13																		
	FEL	64	111.9	85.0	26	21	6	6	5	170	145.2	134.0	27	41	43	58	1	
	MIS	58	206.7	177.0	12	7	14	23	2	104	148.0	111.5	22	33	24	32	3	
	FEL	165	447.3	472.0	20	19	2	35	89	221	174.6	130.0	66	35	52	45	23	
	MIS	50	163.0	78.0	19	10	7	9	5	132	152.6	138.0	27	36	35	26	8	
	FEL	170	106.2	73.0	81	31	39	13	6	173	176.5	147.0	11	56	42	48	16	
	MIS	117	106.9	45.0	66	20	9	20	2	321	107.2	79.0	121	102	44	49	5	
	District Totals	399	248.2	121.0	127	71	47	54	100	564	166.3	134.0	104	132	137	151	40	
	MIS	225	145.1	83.0	97	37	30	52	9	557	125.6	99.0	170	171	103	97	16	
District 14																		
	FEL	479	89.4	73.0	181	197	62	35	4	1,355	97.9	73.0	558	402	231	140	24	
	MIS	140	105.8	66.0	67	29	22	19	3	358	115.8	60.0	165	88	43	40	22	
District 15A																		
	FEL	269	140.8	73.0	124	49	42	31	23	770	103.8	84.0	275	299	100	74	22	
	MIS	119	114.7	49.0	63	21	14	14	7	544	94.4	86.5	166	227	113	37	1	
District 15B																		
	FEL	14	85.4	84.5	6	5	2	1	0	138	102.4	84.0	40	71	13	11	3	
	MIS	3	102.3	70.0	1	1	0	1	0	38	76.9	68.0	14	14	6	4	0	
	FEL	46	54.0	21.0	41	0	0	3	2	496	68.8	54.0	290	126	53	27	0	
	MIS	14	30.4	29.0	12	2	0	0	0	80	65.6	49.0	44	28	4	4	0	
	District Totals	60	61.3	21.0	47	5	2	4	2	634	76.1	60.0	330	197	66	38	3	
	MIS	17	43.1	34.0	13	3	0	1	0	118	69.2	59.0	58	42	10	8	0	
District 16																		
	FEL	339	66.5	50.0	178	83	63	15	0	1,001	82.7	65.0	460	359	113	59	10	
	MIS	167	91.1	70.0	68	60	18	16	5	426	85.7	75.0	186	165	34	38	3	
	FEL	182	351.4	205.0	44	22	20	38	58	188	237.9	152.0	16	51	43	46	32	
	MIS	193	407.4	218.0	48	20	20	35	70	91	198.5	111.0	23	25	8	20	15	
	District Totals	521	166.0	70.0	222	105	83	53	58	1,189	107.2	77.0	476	410	156	105	42	
	MIS	360	260.7	97.5	116	80	38	51	75	517	105.6	77.0	209	190	42	58	18	
District 17A																		
	FEL	1	27.0	27.0	1	0	0	0	0	113	129.3	83.0	40	28	13	20	12	
	MIS	7	44.1	27.0	6	0	1	0	0	80	76.6	47.5	47	17	7	8	1	
	FEL	165	68.5	23.0	110	29	12	10	4	816	67.9	57.0	418	303	60	35	0	
	MIS	175	54.2	23.0	122	30	12	7	4	604	74.8	57.0	314	191	71	25	3	
	District Totals	166	68.2	23.0	111	29	12	10	4	929	75.4	62.0	458	331	73	55	12	
	MIS	182	53.8	23.0	128	30	13	7	4	684	75.0	56.5	361	208	78	33	4	

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District 17B																	
Stokes	FEL	69	71.1	58.0	35	22	9	2	1	155	118.3	75.0	65	41	29	11	9
	MIS	42	85.4	59.0	22	9	8	3	0	151	143.9	94.0	34	64	16	29	8
Surry	FEL	135	153.9	71.0	36	43	30	2	24	574	137.2	117.0	170	132	115	140	17
	MIS	110	91.6	43.5	67	22	6	8	7	656	107.5	89.0	175	278	114	71	18
District Totals		FEL	204	125.9	70.0	71	65	39	4	25	729	133.2	106.0	235	173	144	151
		MIS	152	89.9	50.5	89	31	14	11	7	807	114.3	90.0	209	342	130	100
District 18																	
Guilford																	
Greensboro	FEL	915	155.7	115.0	241	291	168	152	63	2,307	141.6	99.0	764	548	431	407	157
	MIS	182	106.8	70.5	69	73	18	12	10	545	116.3	83.0	212	190	61	54	28
High Point	FEL	333	212.1	118.0	110	77	38	59	49	806	123.8	104.0	220	254	154	157	21
	MIS	93	161.0	118.0	38	16	14	15	10	283	106.8	82.0	101	107	31	32	12
District Totals		FEL	1,248	170.7	115.0	351	368	206	211	112	3,113	137.0	100.0	984	802	585	178
		MIS	275	125.1	79.0	107	89	32	27	20	828	113.1	82.0	313	297	92	86
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	FEL	273	146.0	66.0	130	51	35	28	29	557	120.3	98.0	187	194	95	64	17
	MIS	291	114.5	45.0	164	61	20	24	22	671	124.7	93.0	121	348	86	97	19
Rowan	FEL	139	155.5	99.0	50	37	32	9	11	608	83.9	50.0	349	176	37	30	16
	MIS	134	140.3	104.5	51	30	13	31	9	549	85.1	50.0	311	164	38	26	10
District Totals		FEL	412	149.2	76.0	180	88	67	37	40	1,165	101.3	70.0	536	370	132	94
		MIS	425	122.6	59.0	215	91	33	55	31	1,220	106.9	78.0	432	512	124	123
District 19B																	
Montgomery	FEL	80	257.9	129.0	12	22	17	14	15	159	86.3	70.0	75	39	28	16	1
	MIS	115	194.4	66.0	38	37	11	7	22	221	118.0	88.0	81	53	48	30	9
Randolph	FEL	346	299.9	162.0	62	66	67	91	60	481	141.6	123.0	82	153	134	92	20
	MIS	270	145.6	96.5	104	49	47	48	22	541	99.3	71.0	218	166	76	72	9
District Totals		FEL	426	292.0	131.5	74	88	84	105	75	640	127.9	108.5	157	192	162	108
		MIS	385	160.2	79.0	142	86	58	55	44	762	104.7	73.5	299	219	124	102
District 20																	
Anson	FEL	161	51.7	14.0	103	40	14	4	0	302	61.6	54.0	181	97	18	6	0
	MIS	42	96.8	71.0	15	13	9	5	0	231	70.3	56.0	124	74	24	9	0
Moore	FEL	92	168.4	50.0	53	14	12	2	11	473	77.3	61.0	229	187	35	18	4
	MIS	81	67.3	36.0	56	12	8	4	1	347	69.8	54.0	189	114	35	6	3
Richmond	FEL	62	123.8	32.0	39	7	5	4	7	652	77.5	55.5	349	158	89	53	3
	MIS	82	71.5	42.0	58	6	11	5	2	375	87.8	54.0	197	114	32	22	10
Stanly	FEL	93	92.3	59.0	49	21	15	3	5	339	112.5	77.0	122	114	59	30	14
	MIS	94	108.4	88.5	29	34	23	5	3	385	113.4	76.0	111	153	57	52	12
Union	FEL	32	101.5	56.0	17	0	13	0	2	527	93.1	44.0	360	91	19	36	21
	MIS	45	51.9	28.0	33	5	6	1	0	737	76.5	42.0	523	122	33	31	28
District Totals		FEL	440	98.5	43.0	261	82	59	13	25	2,293	84.1	55.0	1,241	647	220	143
		MIS	344	81.1	52.0	191	70	57	20	6	2,075	83.6	54.0	1,144	577	181	120
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District 21																	
Forsyth	FEL	513	63.6	21.0	345	108	7	43	10	1,682	73.8	56.0	897	601	100	72	12
	MIS	494	67.6	27.5	341	49	47	44	13	1,652	59.2	41.0	1,187	338	60	57	10
District 22																	
Alexander	FEL	8	108.8	29.0	5	1	0	1	1	112	130.9	104.0	21	59	11	16	5
	MIS	14	150.6	135.0	5	1	3	5	0	141	99.0	73.0	49	45	27	20	0
Davidson	FEL	169	113.8	85.0	64	53	24	24	4	335	108.1	61.0	135	114	47	23	16
	MIS	117	42.0	23.0	84	25	7	1	0	437	56.8	40.0	289	98	33	15	2
Davie	FEL	11	91.5	104.0	5	4	0	2	0	62	123.0	71.5	16	23	13	6	4
	MIS	29	121.7	49.0	16	3	4	5	1	100	92.8	87.0	43	35	17	4	1
Iredell	FEL	139	99.8	84.0	59	41	18	19	2	498	153.0	140.0	124	104	70	173	27
	MIS	97	85.7	52.0	51	14	25	7	0	539	59.1	34.0	380	81	46	30	2
District Totals	FEL	327	107.0	84.0	133	99	42	46	7	1,007	133.8	102.0	296	300	141	218	52
	MIS	257	73.4	41.0	156	43	39	18	1	1,217	65.7	42.0	761	259	123	69	5
District 23																	
Alleghany	FEL	6	188.8	124.0	2	1	1	0	2	16	232.6	135.0	2	5	3	2	4
	MIS	4	35.5	44.0	4	0	0	0	0	43	160.4	98.0	15	10	4	8	6
Ashe	FEL	35	256.1	51.0	20	0	0	8	7	66	344.5	168.5	12	3	19	10	22
	MIS	57	228.5	224.0	16	0	5	29	7	83	144.4	96.0	21	32	11	13	6
Wilkes	FEL	71	296.7	197.0	10	14	8	18	21	184	171.9	143.5	24	51	41	60	8
	MIS	151	219.4	118.0	57	19	14	30	31	417	124.9	97.0	106	161	69	65	16
Yadkin	FEL	32	88.0	36.0	20	7	1	3	1	110	265.9	153.0	22	23	17	22	26
	MIS	46	68.5	43.0	28	13	2	1	2	127	156.7	75.0	49	43	8	16	11
District Totals	FEL	144	236.0	116.0	52	22	10	29	31	376	232.3	159.0	60	82	80	94	60
	MIS	258	191.7	91.0	105	32	21	60	40	670	135.6	96.0	191	246	92	102	39
District 24																	
Avery	FEL	47	174.9	6.0	34	2	2	3	6	100	204.2	147.5	11	31	13	32	13
	MIS	8	371.3	175.5	3	1	0	1	3	21	254.3	217.0	4	0	5	8	4
Madison	FEL	40	76.3	16.0	26	4	5	4	1	32	197.6	166.0	2	5	10	14	1
	MIS	10	328.4	258.0	0	2	1	5	2	20	159.0	121.5	4	6	4	3	3
Mitchell	FEL	29	132.4	65.0	13	6	1	7	2	44	226.7	133.0	6	11	6	11	10
	MIS	5	134.0	93.0	2	1	0	2	0	20	92.3	78.5	5	10	4	1	0
Watauga	FEL	64	341.9	309.0	24	3	3	4	30	264	135.4	112.0	86	68	51	43	16
	MIS	6	609.0	655.0	1	0	0	1	4	37	121.9	91.0	10	15	5	5	2
Yancey	FEL	8	374.8	321.0	0	3	0	2	3	45	148.6	103.0	19	9	2	10	5
	MIS	9	323.2	289.0	1	2	0	3	3	21	225.2	191.0	4	3	2	10	2
District Totals	FEL	188	212.7	52.0	97	18	11	20	42	485	163.2	114.0	124	124	82	110	45
	MIS	38	354.9	258.0	7	6	1	12	12	119	164.8	117.0	27	34	20	27	11



# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/83 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982-83

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Total Disposed	Mean Age		Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365		Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365		
District 25																				
Burke	FEL	242	171.6	129.0	58	56	24	98	6	281	129.9	125.0	37	101	97	43	3			
	MIS	91	149.1	84.0	28	28	7	21	7	204	113.0	94.0	51	80	43	28	2			
	FEL	170	103.0	52.0	106	14	22	22	6	504	97.0	78.0	159	199	74	68	4			
	MIS	58	128.2	64.5	24	21	1	7	5	278	70.8	55.5	149	99	16	13	1			
Catawba	FEL	245	137.2	94.0	90	69	49	23	14	757	123.2	92.0	204	315	139	74	25			
	MIS	133	84.3	52.0	75	30	12	11	5	465	100.8	76.0	168	201	57	27	12			
District Totals		657	141.0	83.0	254	139	95	143	26	1,542	115.9	92.0	400	615	310	185	32			
	MIS	282	114.2	66.0	127	79	20	39	17	947	94.6	74.0	368	380	116	68	15			
District 26																				
Mecklenburg	FEL	1,308	169.7	107.0	337	410	227	176	158	2,477	150.1	116.0	519	783	571	463	141			
	MIS	365	225.3	55.0	193	42	27	26	77	768	70.7	48.0	473	225	37	20	13			
District 27A																				
Gaston	FEL	286	100.1	70.0	136	64	57	16	13	1,245	100.1	80.0	358	532	250	90	15			
	MIS	129	105.5	78.0	56	37	7	26	3	829	74.6	50.0	500	197	62	57	13			
District 27B																				
Cleveland	FEL	68	83.7	35.5	40	18	4	2	4	627	96.0	83.0	253	208	108	49	9			
	MIS	34	83.2	17.0	27	1	1	1	4	125	100.4	84.0	43	46	29	2	5			
	FEL	42	98.9	81.5	14	17	5	6	0	135	81.6	54.0	71	135	44	6	14			
Lincoln	MIS	19	91.3	92.0	6	8	4	1	0	141	64.6	57.0	73	47	20	1	0			
	FEL	110	89.5	66.0	54	35	9	8	4	762	93.4	77.0	324	252	114	63	9			
District Totals	MIS	53	86.1	37.0	33	9	5	2	4	266	81.4	69.5	116	93	49	3	5			
District 28																				
Buncombe	FEL	314	142.3	76.0	138	73	22	47	34	1,424	116.0	98.0	262	673	289	183	17			
	MIS	77	128.5	73.0	34	17	14	3	9	409	79.5	63.0	191	112	85	18	3			
District 29																				
Henderson	FEL	79	233.0	84.0	29	13	17	2	18	318	179.1	129.0	46	98	63	92	19			
	MIS	30	321.9	106.0	6	10	0	7	7	98	133.0	103.0	25	32	14	25	2			
McDowell	FEL	63	213.7	85.0	11	31	0	6	15	166	119.0	72.0	68	50	18	21	9			
	MIS	19	78.9	56.0	10	4	3	2	0	225	90.0	68.0	99	89	20	15	2			
Polk	FEL	42	310.3	113.0	5	16	2	12	7	63	192.6	163.0	14	15	7	16	11			
	MIS	25	235.2	127.0	8	4	9	0	4	20	180.6	177.0	5	3	2	8	2			
Rutherford	FEL	236	107.1	30.0	169	7	16	22	22	497	160.6	144.0	96	136	117	95	53			
	MIS	74	115.1	69.0	35	22	1	12	4	206	176.9	148.0	45	48	28	67	18			
Transylvania	FEL	77	589.2	576.0	2	5	23	2	45	98	306.2	177.5	24	16	9	15	34			
	MIS	30	576.7	264.0	2	4	6	6	12	42	200.5	124.5	3	16	9	9	5			
District Totals		497	232.5	84.0	216	72	58	44	107	1,142	174.0	123.0	248	315	214	239	126			
	MIS	178	240.8	98.0	61	44	19	27	27	591	138.3	100.0	177	188	73	124	29			

# AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

District 30		Total Pending					Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Total	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365			Total	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365		
Cherokee	FEL	49	68.0	58.0	37	1	9	2	0			61	177.7	119.0	17	19	5	14	6		
	MIS	38	141.3	58.0	20	2	9	2	5			85	251.1	182.0	2	14	20	31	18		
Clay	FEL	6	226.3	225.0	1	0	0	4	1			23	296.3	271.0	3	0	5	10	5		
	MIS	11	74.6	44.0	7	2	0	2	0			16	278.4	249.5	4	2	1	3	6		
Graham	FEL	30	167.6	115.0	4	16	5	1	4			64	140.5	99.0	29	8	6	10	11		
	MIS	13	243.2	276.0	5	0	1	4	3			25	241.9	123.0	7	5	2	3	8		
Haywood	FEL	147	418.1	135.0	66	5	24	14	38			353	200.3	114.0	106	88	44	58	57		
	MIS	95	198.8	149.0	18	10	25	33	9			236	145.0	114.5	71	62	37	50	16		
Jackson	FEL	69	115.9	58.0	40	9	9	6	5			183	200.1	116.0	47	46	34	28	28		
	MIS	33	149.4	136.0	4	6	13	9	1			92	338.7	165.5	21	14	15	13	29		
Macon	FEL	59	647.0	672.0	10	6	2	3	38			71	141.3	116.0	14	22	17	16	2		
	MIS	34	595.5	491.0	7	3	1	4	19			31	131.5	81.0	7	13	6	3	2		
Swain	FEL	7	174.9	115.0	2	2	0	2	1			29	204.4	138.0	0	12	8	4	5		
	MIS	23	157.9	115.0	7	6	3	5	2			16	151.7	121.0	2	6	4	3	1		
District Totals	FEL	367	323.1	98.0	160	39	49	32	87			784	191.2	116.0	216	195	119	140	114		
	MIS	247	231.0	142.0	68	29	52	59	39			501	207.0	129.0	114	116	85	106	80		
State Totals	FEL	14,122	154.1	80.0	5,603	3,363	2,004	1,817	1,335			42,966	115.6	81.0	15,908	13,382	6,664	5,321	1,691		
	MIS	7,556	138.6	66.0	3,556	1,537	862	958	643			27,154	96.7	66.0	12,501	8,110	3,182	2,608	753		

## **PART IV, Section 2**

### **District Court Division Caseflow Data**





## The District Court Division

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload in 1982-83 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses; and effective July 1, 1984, for boating, hunting and fishing offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the sentence cannot be in excess of 30 days or \$50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is \$500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

Consistent with previous years, the pie charts on the following page illustrate that district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1982-83 year greatly outnumbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted approximately fifty per cent of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases accounted for about twenty-seven per cent. As in past years, the greatest portion of district court civil filings and dispositions were small claims referred to magistrates.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported to AOC by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

Also, juvenile proceedings and hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities are not reported to AOC by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents."

Ages of district court cases pending on June 30, 1983, and ages of cases disposed of during 1982-83 are reported for the general civil and domestic relations and for the criminal non-motor vehicle case categories.

The table for general civil and domestic relations cases shows that the median age of such cases which were pending on June 30, 1983, was 150 days, compared with a median age of 181 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 68 days, compared with a median age of 67 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

For district court non-motor vehicle criminal cases, the median age for cases pending on June 30, 1983, was 59 days compared with a median age of 51 days for cases pending on June 30, 1982. The median age of cases in this category at the time of disposition during 1982-83 was 24 days compared with a median age of 22 days at the time of disposition during 1981-82.

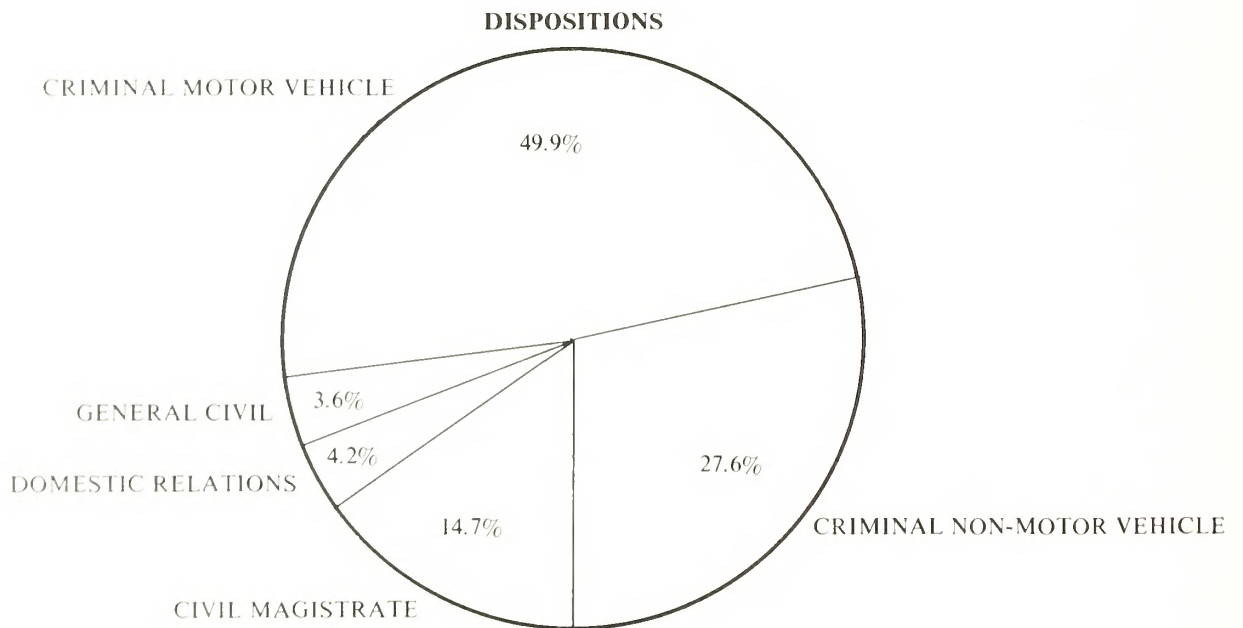
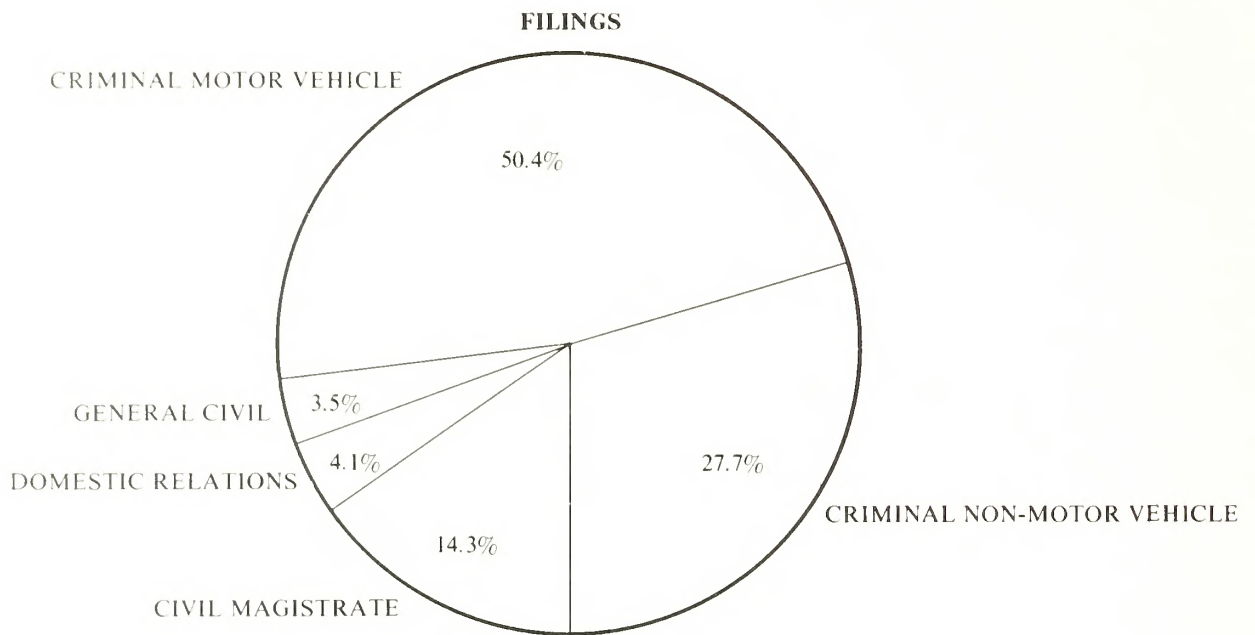
The Statewide total district court filings during 1982-83, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,445,571 cases, compared with 1,421,309 during 1981-82, an increase of 24,262 (1.7%). Most of this increase came in the motor vehicle criminal case category where filings in 1981-82 amounted to 677,247 cases compared to 728,517 cases filed in 1982-83, an increase of 51,270 (7.5%) cases. On the other hand, there was a decrease of 17,661 cases (4.2%) in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category.

There also was a small decrease (2.9%) in district court civil case filings, from a total of 325,886 in 1981-82 to 316,539 in 1982-83. Most of this decrease was in civil magistrate filings, from 215,625 cases in 1981-82 to 206,163 cases in 1982-83. In the domestic relations category, there was a small increase of 248 cases in 1982-83 compared to the number in 1981-82.

The changes (either increase or decrease) from year-to-year in the individual case categories are not unusual. The *over-all* trend for *total* district court case filings over the past several years has been upward, and this upward trend is reflected in the 1982-83 district court case filings.

# FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

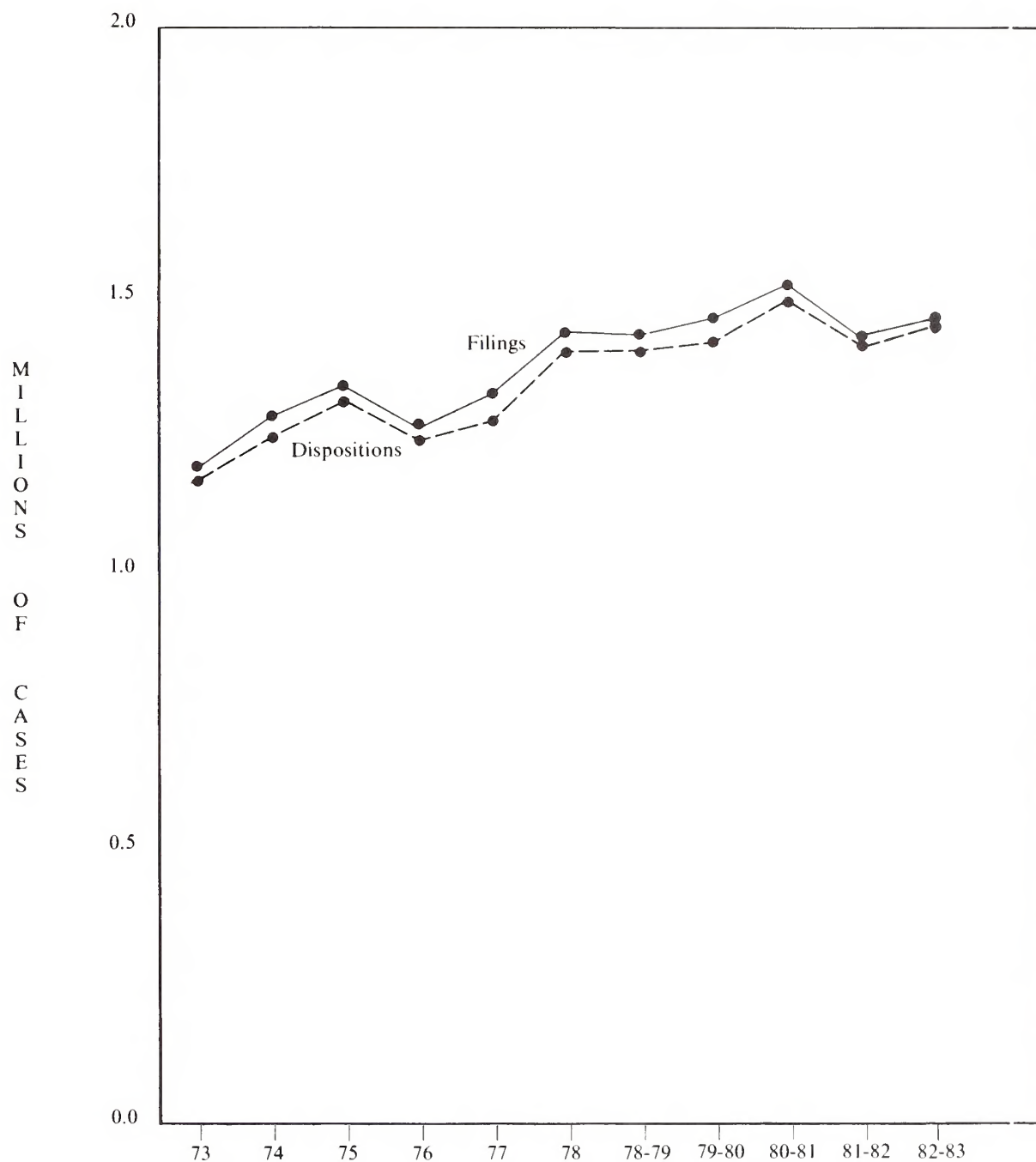
1982-1983



Criminal cases dominate the district court caseload; 78.1% of all district court filings and 77.5 of all district court dispositions during 1982-83 were criminal cases.

## FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1973-1983

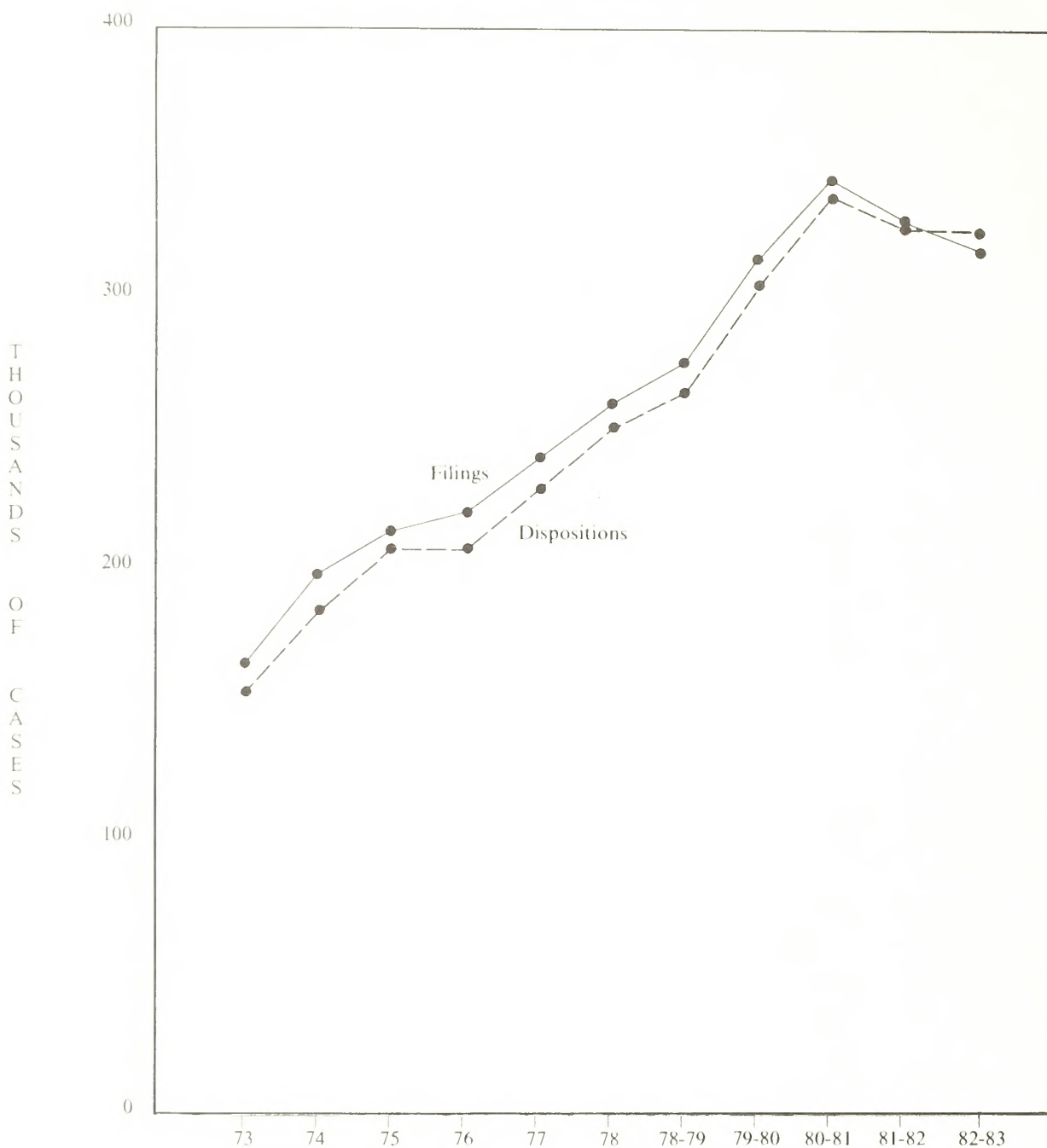


Depicted in this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. The increase in

filings and dispositions for 1982-83 is attributable to a 7.6% increase in filings and a 4.3% increase in dispositions in motor vehicle cases.

# FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CIVIL DISTRICT COURT CASES

1973-1983



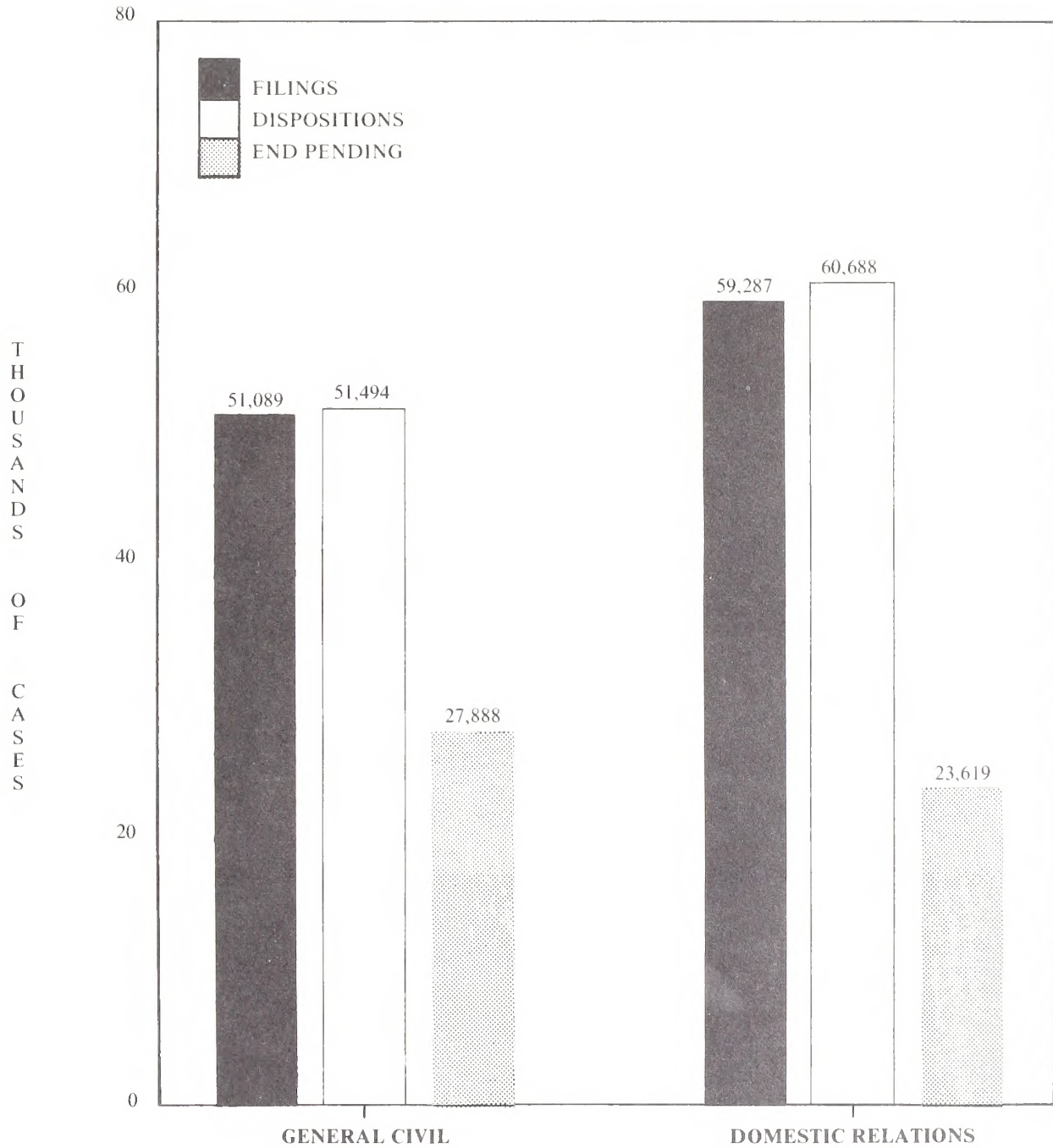
District court civil filings and dispositions have decreased for the last two years; this is in contrast to the upward trends of the past decade. During 1982-83, general civil

filings decreased by .3%, domestic relations filings increased by .4%, and civil magistrate filings decreased by 4.4%.



# GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1982-1983



Dispositions for general civil and domestic relations cases outnumbered case filings during the 1982-83 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at

the end of the year as compared to the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year.

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/82		General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 1								
Camden	24	35	5	30	59	48	81.4	11
Chowan	75	294	180	114	369	216	58.5	153
Currituck	133	198	96	102	331	266	80.4	65
Dare	138	293	160	133	431	288	66.8	143
Gates	23	84	34	50	107	65	60.7	42
Pasquotank	221	457	138	319	678	439	64.7	239
Perquimans	42	107	11	96	149	103	69.1	46
District Totals	656	1,468	624	844	2,124	1,425	67.1	699
District 2								
Beaufort	268	596	182	414	864	622	72.0	242
Hyde	27	63	23	40	90	56	62.2	34
Martin	206	309	80	229	515	331	64.3	184
Tyrrell	21	45	25	20	66	40	60.6	26
Washington	75	200	50	150	275	183	66.5	92
District Totals	597	1,213	360	853	1,810	1,232	68.1	578
District 3								
Carteret	499	739	234	505	1,238	736	59.4	502
Craven	808	1,745	790	955	2,553	1,830	71.7	723
Pamlico	75	130	32	98	205	126	61.5	79
Pitt	894	1,510	659	851	2,404	1,625	67.6	779
District Totals	2,276	4,124	1,715	2,409	6,400	4,317	67.4	2,083
District 4								
Duplin	416	508	208	300	924	588	63.6	336
Jones	73	111	52	59	184	103	56.0	81
Onslow	1,005	1,832	385	1,447	2,837	1,655	58.3	1,182
Sampson	309	673	248	425	982	664	67.6	318
District Totals	1,803	3,124	893	2,231	4,927	3,010	61.1	1,917
District 5								
New Hanover	1,453	3,967	2,535	1,432	5,420	3,341	61.6	2,079
Pender	169	342	101	241	511	291	56.9	220
District Totals	1,622	4,309	2,636	1,673	5,931	3,632	61.2	2,299
District 6								
Bertie	115	284	73	211	399	299	74.9	100
Halifax	179	759	211	548	938	769	82.0	169
Hertford	343	748	419	329	1,091	900	82.5	191
Northampton	73	349	171	178	422	341	80.8	81
District Totals	710	2,140	874	1,266	2,850	2,309	81.1	541
District 7								
Edgecombe	570	1,079	300	779	1,649	1,021	61.9	628
Nash	572	1,077	416	661	1,649	888	53.8	761
Wilson	558	1,211	308	903	1,769	1,076	60.8	693
District Totals	1,700	3,367	1,024	2,343	5,067	2,985	58.9	2,082
District 8								
Greene	35	125	6	119	160	121	75.6	39
Jenoir	585	1,444	615	829	2,029	1,494	73.6	535
Wayne	1,591	2,158	957	1,201	3,749	2,571	68.6	1,178
District Totals	2,211	3,727	1,578	2,149	5,938	4,186	70.5	1,752

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/82		General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
District 9								
Franklin	177	374	254	120	551	377	68.4	174
Granville	143	354	127	227	497	342	68.8	155
Person	172	383	155	228	555	402	72.4	153
Vance	335	651	136	515	986	775	78.6	211
Warren	110	259	77	182	369	297	80.5	72
District Totals	937	2,021	749	1,272	2,958	2,193	74.1	765
District 10								
Wake	4,063	7,543	4,968	2,575	11,606	7,559	65.1	4,047
District 11								
Harnett	468	1,337	514	823	1,805	1,476	81.8	329
Johnston	657	1,337	759	578	1,994	1,488	74.6	506
Lee	535	929	611	318	1,464	1,043	71.2	421
District Totals	1,660	3,603	1,884	1,719	5,263	4,007	76.1	1,256
District 12								
Cumberland	2,840	5,010	1,265	3,745	7,850	4,623	58.9	3,227
Hoke	120	315	138	177	435	326	74.9	109
District Totals	2,960	5,325	1,403	3,922	8,285	4,949	59.7	3,336
District 13								
Bladen	154	500	297	203	654	528	80.7	126
Brunswick	262	675	252	423	937	594	63.4	343
Columbus	335	1,051	408	643	1,386	909	65.6	477
District Totals	751	2,226	957	1,269	2,977	2,031	68.2	946
District 14								
Durham	1,592	3,147	1,836	1,311	4,739	3,200	67.5	1,539
District 15A								
Alamance	432	1,642	613	1,029	2,074	1,654	79.7	420
District 15B								
Chatham	131	356	123	233	487	319	65.5	168
Orange	702	870	524	346	1,572	708	45.0	864
District Totals	833	1,226	647	579	2,059	1,027	49.9	1,032
District 16								
Robeson	824	2,053	978	1,075	2,877	1,900	66.0	977
Scotland	285	531	206	325	816	533	65.3	283
District Totals	1,109	2,584	1,184	1,400	3,693	2,433	65.9	1,260
District 17A								
Caswell	89	245	55	190	334	244	73.1	90
Rockingham	369	1,278	490	788	1,647	1,266	76.9	381
District Totals	458	1,523	545	978	1,981	1,510	76.2	471
District 17B								
Stokes	133	243	68	175	376	278	73.9	98
Surry	408	1,014	563	451	1,422	1,005	70.7	417
District Totals	541	1,257	631	626	1,798	1,283	71.4	515
District 18								
Guilford	2,798	7,692	4,366	3,326	10,490	6,912	65.9	3,578

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<u>District 19A</u>								
Cabarrus	734	1,514	626	888	2,248	1,395	62.1	853
Rowan	543	1,140	419	721	1,683	1,313	78.0	370
District Totals	1,277	2,654	1,045	1,609	3,931	2,708	68.9	1,223
<u>District 19B</u>								
Montgomery	209	296	248	48	505	364	72.1	141
Randolph	311	1,059	302	757	1,370	1,089	79.5	281
District Totals	520	1,355	550	805	1,875	1,453	77.5	422
<u>District 20</u>								
Anson	180	304	91	213	484	291	60.1	193
Moore	422	788	368	420	1,210	752	62.1	458
Richmond	723	596	167	429	1,319	601	45.6	718
Stanly	475	644	358	286	1,119	734	65.6	385
Union	536	987	426	561	1,523	1,080	70.9	443
District Totals	2,336	3,319	1,410	1,909	5,655	3,458	61.1	2,197
<u>District 21</u>								
Forsyth	2,168	6,482	3,862	2,620	8,650	6,382	73.8	2,268
<u>District 22</u>								
Alexander	68	232	70	162	300	231	77.0	69
Davidson	429	1,453	537	916	1,882	1,383	73.5	499
Davie	108	252	82	170	360	156	43.3	204
Iredell	489	1,227	640	587	1,716	1,190	69.3	526
District Totals	1,094	3,164	1,329	1,835	4,258	2,960	69.5	1,298
<u>District 23</u>								
Alleghany	38	131	55	76	169	116	68.6	53
Ashe	104	208	77	131	312	217	69.5	95
Wilkes	362	1,235	742	493	1,597	1,279	80.1	318
Yadkin	124	327	128	199	451	333	73.8	118
District Totals	628	1,901	1,002	899	2,529	1,945	76.9	584
<u>District 24</u>								
Avery	96	245	126	119	341	224	65.7	117
Madison	87	115	39	76	202	129	63.9	73
Mitchell	59	176	63	113	235	172	73.2	63
Watauga	219	555	326	229	774	533	68.9	241
Yancey	79	157	60	97	236	157	66.5	79
District Totals	540	1,248	614	634	1,788	1,215	67.9	573
<u>District 25</u>								
Burke	475	1,209	545	664	1,684	1,140	67.7	544
Caldwell	670	1,362	747	615	2,032	1,417	69.7	615
Catawba	804	2,211	1,048	1,163	3,015	2,176	72.2	839
District Totals	1,949	4,782	2,340	2,442	6,731	4,733	70.3	1,998
<u>District 26</u>								
Mecklenburg	8,043	11,071	6,039	5,032	19,114	14,544	76.1	4,570
<u>District 27A</u>								
Gaston	1,124	2,401	612	1,789	3,525	2,444	69.3	1,081



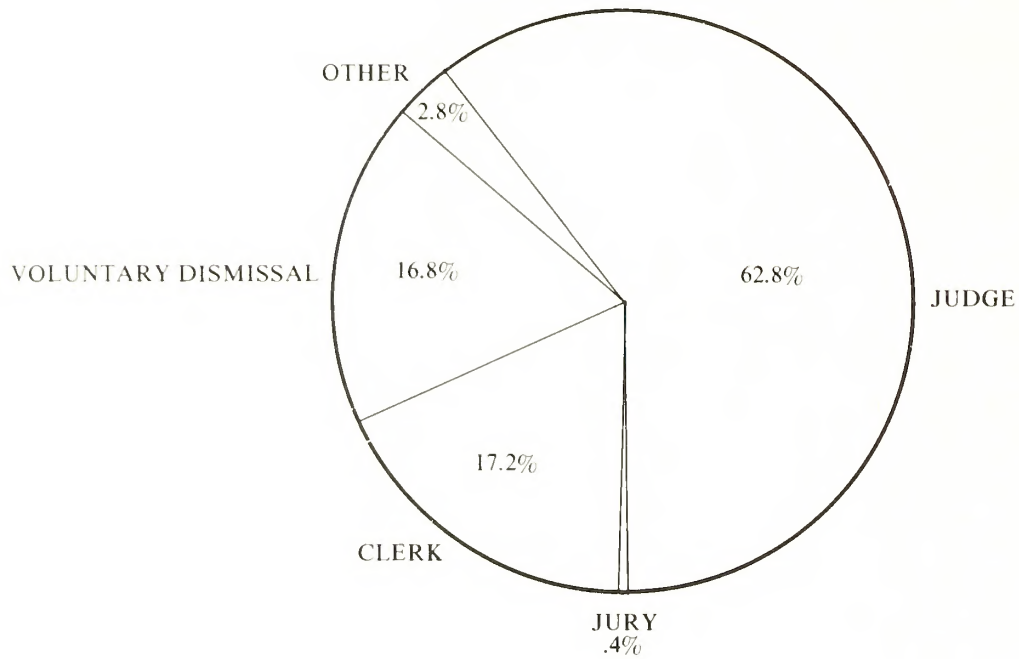
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<u>District 27B</u>								
Cleveland	417	975	320	655	1,392	1,041	74.8	351
Lincoln	184	560	175	385	744	574	77.1	170
District Totals	601	1,535	495	1,040	2,136	1,615	75.6	521
<u>District 28</u>								
Buncombe	1,178	2,998	1,077	1,921	4,176	2,972	71.2	1,204
<u>District 29</u>								
Henderson	566	866	158	708	1,432	786	54.9	646
McDowell	182	457	115	342	639	494	77.3	145
Polk	40	119	55	64	159	105	66.0	54
Rutherford	227	572	160	412	799	524	65.6	275
Transylvania	188	318	81	237	506	336	66.4	170
District Totals	1,203	2,332	569	1,763	3,535	2,245	63.5	1,290
<u>District 30</u>								
Cherokee	186	217	6	211	403	176	43.7	227
Clay	27	77	16	61	104	66	63.5	38
Graham	28	91	21	70	119	76	63.9	43
Haywood	303	661	244	417	964	566	58.7	398
Jackson	114	375	170	205	489	332	67.9	157
Macon	141	294	139	155	435	265	60.9	170
Swain	144	158	62	96	302	173	57.3	129
District Totals	943	1,873	658	1,215	2,816	1,654	58.7	1,162
State Totals	53,313	110,376	51,089	59,287	163,689	112,182	68.5	51,507

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1982-1983



The majority of civil district cases, excluding civil magistrate cases, are disposed by judges. Only 490 jury trials

were held in district court for civil cases during the 1982-83 year.

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 1</u>											
Camden	48	1	0	3	8	0	26	0	1	5	4
Chowan	216	16	0	20	61	4	96	0	0	12	7
Currituck	266	25	0	88	20	18	88	0	2	20	5
Dare	288	53	0	48	58	6	98	0	0	21	4
Gates	65	5	0	7	4	2	34	0	2	8	3
Pasquotank	439	37	2	60	37	5	268	0	1	22	7
Perquimans	103	8	1	9	5	1	71	0	0	7	1
District Totals	1,425	145	3	235	193	36	681	0	6	95	31
<u>District 2</u>											
Beaufort	622	71	12	62	57	9	382	1	1	18	9
Hyde	56	11	0	4	8	1	30	0	0	1	1
Martin	331	32	0	39	6	9	217	0	4	9	15
Tyrrell	40	13	0	3	1	1	21	0	0	0	1
Washington	183	25	0	18	17	3	111	0	3	1	5
District Totals	1,232	152	12	126	89	23	761	1	8	29	31
<u>District 3</u>											
Carteret	736	91	2	46	91	4	437	0	1	39	25
Craven	1,830	267	8	275	235	25	784	0	9	146	81
Pamlico	126	14	1	10	11	8	59	0	1	17	5
Pitt	1,625	254	1	286	182	8	776	0	5	82	31
District Totals	4,317	626	12	617	519	45	2,056	0	16	284	142
<u>District 4</u>											
Duplin	588	81	2	73	74	4	312	0	3	28	11
Jones	103	25	0	13	11	0	50	0	0	4	0
Onslow	1,655	169	2	54	84	11	1,202	0	2	89	42
Sampson	664	84	9	79	78	0	350	0	6	44	14
District Totals	3,010	359	13	219	247	15	1,914	0	11	165	67
<u>District 5</u>											
New Hanover	3,341	635	6	1,058	321	4	1,250	1	3	63	0
Pender	291	31	1	20	29	4	178	0	2	10	16
District Totals	3,632	666	7	1,078	350	8	1,428	1	5	73	16
<u>District 6</u>											
Bertie	299	24	2	29	12	4	214	0	0	10	4
Halifax	769	74	0	80	31	14	550	0	3	16	1
Hertford	900	106	2	244	189	7	321	0	6	19	6
Northampton	341	125	0	19	16	7	170	0	0	1	3
District Totals	2,309	329	4	372	248	32	1,255	0	9	46	14
<u>District 7</u>											
Edgecombe	1,021	151	5	115	46	0	650	0	6	22	26
Nash	888	56	5	138	99	3	541	0	5	22	19
Wilson	1,076	86	0	95	58	1	800	2	7	25	2
District Totals	2,985	293	10	348	203	4	1,991	2	18	69	47
<u>District 8</u>											
Greene	121	11	0	4	1	4	92	0	4	0	5
Lenoir	1,494	174	8	277	167	10	750	3	10	94	1
Wayne	2,571	326	14	371	552	4	1,057	2	26	212	7
District Totals	4,186	511	22	652	720	18	1,899	5	40	306	13

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 9</u>											
Franklin	377	174	0	16	49	7	116	0	1	11	3
Granville	342	47	1	32	41	1	163	0	31	21	5
Person	402	68	1	59	37	2	217	0	3	15	0
Vance	775	57	0	38	61	2	276	0	0	37	304
Warren	297	46	2	14	16	0	191	1	2	15	10
District Totals	2,193	392	4	159	204	12	963	1	37	99	322
<u>District 10</u>											
Wake	7,559	1,910	25	1,626	1,261	73	2,438	4	9	196	17
<u>District 11</u>											
Harnett	1,476	208	6	140	230	3	447	2	6	62	372
Johnston	1,488	360	10	213	236	19	480	2	10	125	33
Lee	1,043	173	6	298	187	58	282	0	5	32	2
District Totals	4,007	741	22	651	653	80	1,209	4	21	219	407
<u>District 12</u>											
Cumberland	4,623	444	8	380	288	3	3,131	1	32	302	34
Hoke	326	30	0	80	7	35	72	0	2	6	94
District Totals	4,949	474	8	460	295	38	3,203	1	34	308	128
<u>District 13</u>											
Bladen	528	75	6	160	70	4	182	3	2	21	5
Brunswick	594	71	0	50	76	5	363	0	1	26	2
Columbus	909	130	17	84	124	5	482	2	1	64	0
District Totals	2,031	276	23	294	270	14	1,027	5	4	111	7
<u>District 14</u>											
Durham	3,200	919	9	582	395	26	1,175	1	5	60	28
<u>District 15A</u>											
Alamance	1,654	151	13	210	222	38	737	1	12	86	184
<u>District 15B</u>											
Chatham	319	37	4	42	11	11	191	3	2	13	5
Orange	708	231	5	83	105	22	240	0	0	20	2
District Totals	1,027	268	9	125	116	33	431	3	2	33	7
<u>District 16</u>											
Robeson	1,900	280	6	264	242	49	986	0	10	60	14
Scotland	533	83	1	106	41	6	272	0	5	8	0
District Totals	2,433	363	7	370	283	55	1,258	0	15	68	14
<u>District 17A</u>											
Caswell	244	25	0	20	11	5	161	0	7	4	11
Rockingham	1,266	95	4	281	111	0	695	0	5	50	25
District Totals	1,510	120	4	301	122	5	856	0	12	54	36
<u>District 17B</u>											
Stokes	278	20	1	44	40	0	145	0	0	27	1
Surry	1,005	132	0	347	97	0	386	1	1	40	1
District Totals	1,283	152	1	391	137	0	531	1	1	67	2
<u>District 18</u>											
Guilford	6,912	1,028	22	1,627	1,041	50	2,889	4	33	172	46



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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 19A</u>											
Cabarrus	1,395	153	3	187	214	2	718	2	5	101	10
Rowan	1,313	170	2	166	189	1	673	0	5	105	2
District Totals	2,708	323	5	353	403	3	1,391	2	10	206	12
<u>District 19B</u>											
Montgomery	364	179	0	16	59	5	97	0	0	7	1
Randolph	1,089	74	4	142	73	0	681	2	13	61	39
District Totals	1,453	253	4	158	132	5	778	2	13	68	40
<u>District 20</u>											
Anson	291	20	5	29	25	1	193	0	6	12	0
Moore	752	140	8	126	66	14	361	1	0	23	13
Richmond	601	55	2	89	52	4	334	0	18	40	7
Stanly	734	122	7	152	144	10	245	0	3	49	2
Union	1,080	161	9	148	153	2	553	2	7	39	6
District Totals	3,458	498	31	544	440	31	1,686	3	34	163	28
<u>District 21</u>											
Forsyth	6,382	869	30	1,663	1,384	26	2,154	4	24	185	43
<u>District 22</u>											
Alexander	231	27	0	19	22	0	142	0	3	15	3
Davidson	1,383	149	11	204	140	2	801	0	13	61	2
Davie	156	18	0	8	20	4	63	0	4	23	16
Iredell	1,190	142	5	259	180	11	498	1	9	76	9
District Totals	2,960	336	16	490	362	17	1,504	1	29	175	30
<u>District 23</u>											
Alleghany	116	24	0	11	0	9	64	0	0	0	8
Ashe	217	32	0	22	26	6	107	0	0	21	3
Wilkes	1,279	176	10	350	190	44	440	0	5	60	4
Yadkin	333	40	2	45	45	4	174	0	0	21	2
District Totals	1,945	272	12	428	261	63	785	0	5	102	17
<u>District 24</u>											
Avery	224	22	0	33	0	53	95	0	0	0	21
Madison	129	25	2	5	13	2	69	1	0	9	3
Mitchell	172	11	0	30	25	1	56	0	1	20	28
Watauga	533	39	0	104	149	4	201	0	6	23	7
Yancey	157	19	0	7	13	24	70	0	0	13	11
District Totals	1,215	116	2	179	200	84	491	1	7	65	70
<u>District 25</u>											
Burke	1,140	108	2	131	297	3	528	0	6	60	5
Caldwell	1,417	179	1	318	266	0	612	1	5	35	0
Catawba	2,176	217	8	460	160	127	1,078	1	8	66	51
District Totals	4,733	504	11	909	723	130	2,218	2	19	161	56
<u>District 26</u>											
Mecklenburg	14,544	2,636	11	2,420	1,932	65	7,243	3	43	180	11
<u>District 27A</u>											
Gaston	2,444	202	22	187	192	1	1,713	1	5	96	25

# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 27B</u>											
Cleveland	1,041	136	10	81	93	12	634	1	2	69	3
Lincoln	574	85	1	75	43	1	328	0	3	36	2
District Totals	1,615	221	11	156	136	13	962	1	5	105	5
<u>District 28</u>											
Buncombe	2,972	442	28	326	289	13	1,581	5	137	139	12
<u>District 29</u>											
Henderson	786	80	3	22	75	7	505	0	9	69	16
McDowell	494	56	0	28	38	0	343	0	6	20	3
Polk	105	16	0	14	15	3	45	0	0	10	2
Rutherford	524	41	8	51	48	8	339	0	1	28	0
Transylvania	336	42	3	17	34	2	210	0	0	26	2
District Totals	2,245	235	14	132	210	20	1,442	0	16	153	23
<u>District 30</u>											
Cherokee	176	6	0	0	0	1	133	0	12	6	18
Clay	66	9	1	6	5	2	25	2	6	7	3
Graham	76	4	0	4	9	1	46	0	0	11	1
Haywood	566	72	0	64	54	6	328	0	9	25	8
Jackson	332	33	0	29	73	6	152	0	0	22	17
Macon	265	41	0	36	31	21	107	1	1	12	15
Swain	173	39	0	9	22	5	70	0	1	20	7
District Totals	1,654	204	1	148	194	42	861	3	29	103	69
State Totals	112,182	16,986	428	18,536	14,426	1,118	53,511	62	674	4,441	2,000

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	>730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730
District 1															
Camden	11	225.2	105.0	4	2	2	3	0	147.8	88.5	25	11	6	6	0
Chowan	153	233.4	210.0	33	12	94	10	4	162.3	88.5	110	57	23	20	6
Currituck	65	177.1	118.0	27	18	13	5	2	172.9	119.0	117	79	46	19	5
Dare	143	229.8	141.0	52	32	40	9	10	171.6	106.5	133	60	65	24	6
Gates	42	261.2	199.5	12	8	14	5	3	65	103.4	46	3	13	3	0
Pasquotank	239	252.0	147.0	86	48	36	56	13	160.9	64.0	269	64	51	41	14
Perquimans	46	247.6	159.5	16	10	8	9	3	115.3	43.0	72	10	12	7	2
District Totals	699	236.3	168.0	230	130	207	97	35	159.1	81.0	772	284	216	120	33
District 2															
Beaufort	242	280.6	162.0	84	41	55	37	25	197.7	51.0	393	63	47	70	49
Hyde	34	286.5	236.5	12	3	7	9	3	123.1	60.5	38	9	3	4	2
Martin	184	701.4	451.5	38	18	24	45	59	206.2	51.0	220	39	27	22	23
Tyrrell	26	327.5	162.0	7	7	3	6	3	284.3	56.5	25	5	1	2	7
Washington	92	236.3	149.0	36	16	20	14	6	149.0	54.0	111	22	31	14	5
District Totals	578	410.0	224.5	177	85	109	111	96	192.1	52.0	787	138	109	112	86
District 3															
Carteret	502	379.3	315.5	118	78	72	150	84	186.5	65.0	421	114	98	53	50
Craven	723	244.9	141.0	275	142	138	126	42	195.7	84.0	957	280	321	149	123
Pamlico	79	302.6	251.0	18	11	23	22	5	182.1	79.0	67	19	25	10	5
Pitt	779	308.2	177.0	267	127	159	131	95	219.4	87.0	826	287	235	151	126
District Totals	2,083	303.1	184.0	678	358	392	429	226	202.7	82.0	2,271	700	679	363	304
District 4															
Duplin	336	439.8	320.0	95	35	52	77	77	275.1	91.5	291	82	94	63	58
Jones	81	562.8	357.0	20	11	11	15	24	216.6	53.0	62	13	10	8	10
Onslow	1,182	359.3	223.5	363	180	216	208	215	172.8	67.0	999	251	190	141	74
Sampson	318	259.6	133.0	128	47	53	64	26	146.2	64.0	403	102	88	51	20
District Totals	1,917	365.5	224.0	606	273	332	364	342	188.4	70.0	1,755	448	382	263	162
District 5															
New Hanover	2,079	290.2	153.0	732	403	415	346	183	136.3	58.0	2,311	392	316	229	93
Pender	220	323.1	210.5	73	32	43	40	32	142.2	63.0	178	41	42	22	8
District Totals	2,299	293.3	154.0	805	435	458	386	215	136.8	58.0	2,489	433	358	251	101
District 6															
Bertie	100	132.8	92.0	50	26	16	6	2	151.0	74.0	173	37	50	34	5
Halifax	169	109.6	63.0	109	29	22	9	0	86.9	48.0	544	102	93	29	1
Hertford	191	132.4	90.0	96	44	39	10	2	130.0	71.0	514	161	180	39	6
Northampton	81	168.1	86.0	44	13	18	2	4	81.9	35.0	249	43	27	21	1
District Totals	541	130.7	80.0	299	112	95	27	8	111.3	58.0	1,480	343	350	123	13

# AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730				
District 7																		
Edgecombe	628	530.3	365.5	161	75	78	148	166	143.2	51.0	714	151	74	33	49			
Nash	761	430.5	308.5	216	106	87	162	190	92.3	53.0	637	141	73	25	12			
Wilson	693	458.8	372.0	183	79	81	184	166	91.9	46.0	838	126	48	42	22			
District Totals	2,082	470.0	344.0	560	260	246	494	522	111.1	49.0	2,189	418	195	100	83			
District 8																		
Greene	39	170.5	101.0	18	11	4	4	2	98.5	40.0	87	12	12	10	0			
Lenoir	535	175.3	114.0	234	131	101	51	18	136.2	61.0	909	193	275	89	28			
Wayne	1,178	269.6	202.0	368	190	311	228	81	255.8	107.0	1,184	283	180	827	97			
District Totals	1,752	238.6	154.0	620	332	416	283	101	208.3	81.0	2,180	488	467	926	125			
District 9																		
Franklin	174	264.4	144.0	66	35	37	23	13	201.6	65.0	207	45	62	45	18			
Granville	155	194.7	142.0	61	35	39	12	8	166.3	77.0	189	46	68	26	13			
Person	153	278.3	129.0	55	36	18	25	19	135.8	49.0	271	37	53	29	12			
Vance	211	233.8	132.0	90	38	43	27	13	173.1	55.0	472	79	117	72	35			
Warren	72	208.3	107.5	32	11	15	11	3	172.0	51.0	176	32	42	28	19			
District Totals	765	239.4	133.0	304	155	152	98	56	169.9	57.0	1,315	239	342	200	97			
District 10																		
Wake	4,047	283.1	199.0	1,345	573	906	908	315	195.2	71.0	4,209	978	1,019	943	410			
District 11																		
Harnett	329	135.3	77.0	176	63	66	21	3	1476	137.6	48.0	935	119	219	185	18		
Johnston	506	185.4	108.0	231	100	114	43	18	1,488	191.4	63.0	867	137	148	280	56		
Lee	421	202.2	129.0	166	76	94	76	9	1,043	196.1	69.0	582	114	104	211	32		
District Totals	1,256	177.9	107.0	573	239	274	140	30	4,007	172.8	60.0	2,384	370	471	676	106		
District 12																		
Cumberland	3,227	334.9	258.0	943	423	598	845	418	4,623	180.5	69.0	2,727	750	502	253	391		
Hoke	109	339.1	174.0	43	13	14	22	17	326	91.6	49.0	235	48	25	16	2		
District Totals	3,336	335.1	254.0	986	436	612	867	435	4,949	174.7	67.5	2,962	798	527	269	393		
District 13																		
Bladen	126	100.0	73.0	81	26	17	2	0	528	115.2	50.5	334	71	87	35	1		
Brunswick	343	275.6	212.0	96	64	76	91	16	594	113.3	53.0	404	89	55	38	8		
Columbus	477	156.7	125.0	187	107	147	32	4	909	125.3	66.0	538	110	211	47	3		
District Totals	946	192.3	132.0	364	197	240	125	20	2,031	119.2	57.0	1,276	270	353	120	12		
District 14																		
Durham	1,539	237.0	136.0	587	294	324	252	82	3,200	225.5	83.0	1,663	514	367	400	256		



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Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	>730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 15A																
Alamance	420	106.1	55.0	269	86	42	21	2	98.5	57.0	1,156	276	153	62	7	
District 15B																
Chatham	168	247.9	190.5	47	35	46	33	7	138.5	59.0	194	47	40	35	3	
Orange	864	589.7	454.5	145	97	111	206	305	119.2	56.5	495	92	61	45	15	
District Totals	1,032	534.0	393.0	192	132	157	239	312	125.2	57.0	689	139	101	80	18	
District 16																
Robeson	977	260.4	161.0	312	224	209	152	80	128.4	51.0	1,275	253	213	94	65	
Scotland	283	291.6	240.0	69	51	76	74	13	167.1	57.0	346	51	86	27	23	
District Totals	1,260	267.4	170.0	381	275	285	226	93	136.8	52.0	1,621	304	299	121	88	
District 17A																
Caswell	90	211.3	162.0	30	17	33	6	4	160.9	56.0	146	31	39	20	8	
Rockingham	381	133.1	99.0	176	107	79	17	2	66.1	49.0	909	104	173	70	10	
District Totals	471	148.0	106.0	206	124	112	23	6	117.6	49.0	1,055	135	212	90	18	
District 17B																
Stokes	98	216.5	147.0	36	24	17	18	3	144.7	83.5	146	57	51	19	5	
Surry	417	271.2	192.0	140	64	108	71	34	144.8	55.0	682	137	106	43	37	
District Totals	515	260.8	171.0	176	88	125	89	37	144.8	57.0	828	194	157	62	42	
District 18																
Guilford	3,578	235.8	127.0	1,460	753	810	298	257	129.3	66.0	4,216	1,037	1,225	376	58	
District 19A																
Cabarrus	853	247.5	184.0	257	161	211	207	17	164.8	71.0	772	219	172	222	10	
Rowan	370	170.8	82.0	192	77	64	23	14	146.9	71.0	728	172	301	102	10	
District Totals	1,223	224.3	153.0	449	238	275	230	31	156.1	71.0	1,500	391	473	324	20	
District 19B																
Montgomery	141	320.0	209.0	54	11	29	27	20	317.0	130.0	131	89	42	36	66	
Randolph	281	140.2	85.0	146	66	43	22	4	122.0	49.0	720	104	173	81	11	
District Totals	422	200.2	100.5	200	77	72	49	24	170.8	64.5	851	193	215	117	77	
District 20																
Anson	193	419.3	325.0	48	26	29	44	46	117.0	50.5	203	36	27	17	8	
Moore	458	328.6	246.0	137	63	84	120	54	188.0	63.0	435	121	85	51	60	
Richmond	718	806.7	519.0	133	60	108	105	312	270.8	80.0	314	53	36	147	51	
Stanly	385	508.1	330.0	109	39	58	79	100	265.9	63.0	428	70	44	100	92	
Union	443	222.6	134.0	153	110	77	90	13	225.5	63.0	621	104	99	161	95	
District Totals	2,197	502.9	290.0	580	298	356	438	525	224.7	63.0	2,001	384	291	476	306	

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AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/83 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1982-83

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
		0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730				>730	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730	
District 21															
Forsyth	2,268	139.0	91.0	1,129	600	350	156	33	129.8	75.0	3,661	1,234	1,125	305	57
District 22															
Alexander	69	203.6	127.0	29	13	12	13	2	87.4	42.0	178	29	16	3	5
Davidson	499	157.9	97.0	238	117	86	53	5	115.5	54.0	944	174	126	134	5
Davie	204	308.2	273.0	54	32	42	67	9	105.6	48.0	113	19	15	4	5
Iredell	526	223.6	138.5	209	88	105	102	22	137.1	55.5	799	160	100	94	37
District Totals	1,298	210.6	126.0	530	250	245	235	38	121.5	53.0	2,034	382	257	235	52
District 23															
Alleghany	53	132.0	91.0	26	18	6	2	1	117.3	54.5	76	19	13	7	1
Ashe	95	197.7	111.0	42	21	15	12	5	195.2	91.0	107	37	31	35	7
Wilkes	318	129.9	59.0	198	59	38	17	6	99.0	57.0	861	230	138	41	9
Yadkin	118	236.6	106.5	47	31	19	16	5	113.9	49.0	218	40	51	21	3
District Totals	584	162.7	78.0	313	129	78	47	17	113.3	57.0	1,262	326	233	104	20
District 24															
Avery	117	348.3	94.0	55	15	17	13	17	100.8	64.5	141	49	27	7	0
Madison	73	463.6	202.0	19	15	11	12	16	129	205.0	118.0	55	31	23	15
Mitchell	63	278.2	134.0	23	14	13	7	6	172	112.3	56.0	115	28	20	4
Watauga	241	270.5	191.0	79	35	79	29	19	533	102.7	317	142	63	11	0
Yancey	79	417.4	224.0	25	10	12	13	19	157	68.0	60.0	109	19	18	7
District Totals	573	332.1	171.0	201	89	132	74	77	1,215	117.5	70.0	737	269	151	44
District 25															
Burke	544	413.1	203.0	180	81	104	71	108	1,140	146.4	43.5	808	111	80	105
Caldwell	615	320.1	147.0	240	102	114	74	85	1,417	263.5	63.0	864	157	160	79
Catawba	839	181.3	134.0	349	153	225	96	16	2,176	168.2	56.0	1,404	204	256	226
District Totals	1,998	287.1	153.0	769	336	443	241	209	4,733	191.5	54.0	3,076	472	496	410
District 26															
Mecklenburg	4,570	192.0	111.0	2,064	972	785	546	203	14,544	379.1	132.0	6,306	1,505	1,771	1,936
District 27A															
Gaston	1,081	232.1	160.0	398	176	246	233	28	2,444	168.2	60.0	1,507	262	267	326
District 27B															
Cleveland	351	157.4	99.0	168	79	61	37	6	1,041	144.9	61.0	617	109	207	96
Lincoln	170	167.1	104.0	79	35	32	21	3	574	120.8	51.0	394	66	48	66
District Totals	521	160.5	100.0	247	114	93	58	9	1,615	136.3	57.0	1,011	175	255	162
District 28															
Buncombe	1,204	157.4	99.0	550	297	234	105	18	2,972	140.1	75.0	1,659	489	570	228

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	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365		366-730	>730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	>730
District 29																
Henderson	646	355.0	270.5	158	90	150	167	81	786	251.9	73.0	426	109	80	137	34
McDowell	145	212.4	106.0	64	33	26	13	9	494	125.9	51.0	329	57	65	36	7
Polk	54	214.4	116.5	22	11	11	8	2	105	131.2	68.0	64	19	15	5	2
Rutherford	275	231.6	164.0	98	49	66	51	11	524	155.9	50.0	341	60	47	57	19
Transylvania	170	283.7	245.0	49	21	55	35	10	336	302.4	68.0	183	43	20	57	33
District Totals	1,290	297.4	204.0	391	204	308	274	113	2,245	186.8	61.0	1,343	288	227	292	95
District 30																
Cherokee	227	393.3	365.0	47	34	33	78	35	176	193.4	87.5	91	35	24	13	13
Clay	38	200.6	186.5	8	10	16	3	1	66	112.6	68.0	41	12	11	2	0
Graham	43	228.2	143.0	14	10	12	5	2	76	114.8	69.0	45	12	17	2	0
Haywood	398	306.4	244.0	118	57	98	88	37	566	139.4	58.0	361	94	53	48	10
Jackson	157	156.7	84.0	81	42	14	17	3	332	168.0	70.0	183	69	37	24	19
Macon	170	548.8	270.0	41	27	36	27	39	265	182.1	65.0	160	38	34	18	15
Swain	129	399.5	237.0	37	20	20	29	23	173	359.2	149.0	63	35	22	19	34
District Totals	1,162	342.6	212.0	346	200	229	247	140	1,654	178.5	70.5	944	295	198	126	91
State Totals	51,507	275.1	150.0	18,985	9,317	10,140	8,410	4,655	112,182	189.8	68.0	65,189	15,171	14,511	10,742	6,569

# CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 1</u>			<u>District 9</u>		
Camden	100	95	Franklin	1,078	1,003
Chowan	701	839	Granville	1,083	1,087
Currituck	340	317	Person	845	937
Dare	486	509	Vance	2,319	2,423
Gates	293	269	Warren	520	585
Pasquotank	803	793	District Totals	5,845	6,035
Perquimans	438	450			
District Totals	3,161	3,272	<u>District 10</u>		
<u>District 2</u>			Wake	9,969	9,807
Beaufort	1,538	1,602	<u>District 11</u>		
Hyde	111	112	Harnett	1,263	1,194
Martin	1,057	1,160	Johnston	2,490	2,524
Tyrrell	162	147	Lee	1,081	1,158
Washington	527	564	District Totals	4,834	4,876
District Totals	3,395	3,585	<u>District 12</u>		
<u>District 3</u>			Cumberland	9,232	9,417
Carteret	1,531	1,619	Hoke	672	684
Craven	2,337	2,300	District Totals	9,904	10,101
Pamlico	341	354	<u>District 13</u>		
Pitt	3,112	3,211	Bladen	1,956	1,781
District Totals	7,321	7,484	Brunswick	1,030	800
<u>District 4</u>			Columbus	2,168	2,231
Duplin	1,743	1,679	District Totals	5,154	4,812
Jones	199	207	<u>District 14</u>		
Onslow	2,292	2,027	Durham	13,577	13,118
Sampson	1,746	1,809	<u>District 15A</u>		
District Totals	5,980	5,722	Alamance	2,878	2,886
<u>District 5</u>			<u>District 15B</u>		
New Hanover	3,404	3,333	Chatham	730	746
Pender	580	558	Orange	1,628	1,614
District Totals	3,984	3,891	District Totals	2,358	2,360
<u>District 6</u>			<u>District 16</u>		
Bertie	893	889	Robeson	6,082	6,492
Halifax	1,629	1,671	Scotland	1,150	1,122
Hertford	768	804	District Totals	7,232	7,614
Northampton	705	691	<u>District 17A</u>		
District Totals	3,995	4,055	Caswell	369	409
<u>District 7</u>			Rockingham	2,515	2,456
Edgecombe	5,316	5,294	District Totals	2,884	2,865
Nash	3,865	3,962	<u>District 17B</u>		
Wilson	2,934	3,109	Stokes	443	444
District Totals	12,115	12,365	Surry	2,979	2,895
<u>District 8</u>			District Totals	3,422	3,339
Greene	439	444			
Lenoir	3,318	3,401			
Wayne	2,657	2,636			
District Totals	6,414	6,481			



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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 18</u>			<u>District 25</u>		
Guilford	9,424	9,234	Burke	1,308	1,322
High Point	4,302	4,361	Caldwell	2,633	2,598
District Totals	13,726	13,595	Catawba	2,540	2,519
			District Totals	6,481	6,439
<u>District 19A</u>			<u>District 26</u>		
Cabarrus	1,628	1,614	Mecklenburg	20,703	24,349
Rowan	2,456	2,511			
District Totals	4,084	4,125	<u>District 27A</u>		
<u>District 19B</u>			Gaston	4,063	3,929
Montgomery	953	962			
Randolph	1,517	1,541	<u>District 27B</u>		
District Totals	2,470	2,503	Cleveland	3,408	3,495
			Lincoln	604	592
<u>District 20</u>			District Totals	4,012	4,087
Anson	813	781			
Moore	1,603	1,570	<u>District 28</u>		
Richmond	1,614	1,669	Buncombe	4,830	4,914
Stanly	1,254	1,266			
Union	1,503	1,494	<u>District 29</u>		
District Totals	6,787	6,780	Henderson	632	600
<u>District 21</u>			McDowell	398	435
Forsyth	8,631	8,560	Polk	199	191
			Rutherford	1,090	1,579
<u>District 22</u>			Transylvania	350	318
Alexander	440	486	District Totals	2,669	3,123
Davidson	2,453	2,327			
Davie	433	401	<u>District 30</u>		
Iredell	2,520	2,552	Cherokee	234	257
District Totals	5,846	5,766	Clay	73	63
<u>District 23</u>			Graham	84	89
Alleghany	396	379	Haywood	974	951
Ashe	280	337	Jackson	315	315
Wilkes	2,305	2,417	Macon	586	619
Yadkin	1,114	1,112	Swain	106	96
District Totals	4,095	4,245	District Totals	2,372	2,390
<u>District 24</u>					
Avery	223	204	<u>Total Filed</u>		<u>Total Disposed</u>
Madison	114	116			
Mitchell	140	202	State Totals	206,163	210,519
Watauga	375	388			
Yancey	120	136			
District Totals	972	1,046			

# OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES						CONDITIONS				Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent			Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other				Total		
District 1												
Camden	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	7
Chowan	0	7	24	31	0	0	0	0	2	0	33	23
Currituck	0	17	29	46	0	0	0	1	11	6	64	36
Dare	0	8	3	11	0	0	0	0	1	1	13	13
Gates	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	8	8
Pasquotank	0	40	70	110	0	2	2	2	2	1	117	42
Perquimans	0	1	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	9
District Totals	0	79	144	223	0	2	2	4	18	9	256	138
District 2												
Beaufort	0	15	38	53	1	0	1	12	12	0	78	42
Hyde	0	26	11	37	0	0	0	2	2	0	41	10
Martin	0	5	10	15	0	1	1	0	20	2	38	28
Tyrrell	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Washington	0	2	15	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	19	17
District Totals	0	48	78	126	3	1	4	14	34	2	180	101
District 3												
Carteret	0	34	19	53	1	2	3	7	1	5	69	36
Craven	0	53	89	142	2	9	11	12	19	14	198	90
Pamlico	0	0	21	21	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	11
Pitt	0	53	215	268	2	5	7	35	29	5	344	88
District Totals	0	140	344	484	5	16	21	55	49	24	633	225
District 4												
Duplin	0	19	29	48	0	4	4	1	8	0	61	29
Jones	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	4	0	9	7
Onslow	0	109	86	195	2	3	5	20	33	16	269	93
Sampson	0	20	50	70	0	2	2	13	16	9	110	48
District Totals	0	148	168	316	2	9	11	36	61	25	449	177
District 5												
New Hanover	0	308	275	583	13	48	61	5	19	3	671	242
Pender	0	10	31	41	3	3	6	8	3	3	61	32
District Totals	0	318	306	624	16	51	67	13	22	6	732	274
District 6												
Bertie	0	2	21	23	0	0	0	8	5	3	39	39
Halifax	0	35	125	160	9	12	21	5	19	4	209	53
Hertford	0	1	21	22	0	0	0	5	8	4	39	35
Northampton	0	4	12	16	0	0	0	1	4	2	23	13
District Totals	0	42	179	221	9	12	21	19	36	13	310	140
District 7												
Edgecombe	0	59	109	168	0	10	10	16	32	1	227	110
Nash	1	34	108	143	4	9	13	19	22	6	203	111
Wilson	0	50	124	174	1	5	6	11	11	14	216	106
District Totals	1	143	341	485	5	24	29	46	65	21	646	327
District 8												
Greene	1	3	11	15	0	1	1	0	3	1	20	12
Lenoir	0	24	234	258	12	19	31	12	46	5	352	105
Wayne	0	52	22	74	8	5	13	33	62	6	188	103
District Totals	1	79	267	347	20	25	45	45	111	12	560	220

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	OFFENSES							CONDITIONS			Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent				Undisciplined			Dependent	Neglected	Abused		
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
District 9												
Franklin	0	25	10	35	0	10	10	3	5	1	54	25
Granville	0	25	29	54	1	7	8	17	11	5	95	48
Person	0	10	2	12	2	7	9	2	4	1	28	21
Vance	0	61	83	144	0	18	18	12	15	7	196	51
Warren	0	6	3	9	1	2	3	5	2	1	20	10
District Totals	0	127	127	254	4	44	48	39	37	15	393	155
District 10												
Wake	0	85	163	248	6	63	69	47	34	22	420	297
District 11												
Harnett	0	54	60	114	4	14	18	8	22	6	168	73
Johnston	0	68	88	156	2	13	15	3	7	2	183	69
Lee	0	33	61	94	1	0	1	7	13	4	119	60
District Totals	0	155	209	364	7	27	34	18	42	12	470	202
District 12												
Cumberland	0	221	342	563	28	235	263	89	113	27	1,055	474
Hoke	0	0	40	40	2	16	18	41	34	4	137	15
District Totals	0	221	382	603	30	251	281	130	147	31	1,192	489
District 13												
Bladen	0	4	15	19	2	2	4	1	4	2	30	23
Brunswick	0	49	82	131	2	30	32	1	33	3	200	89
Columbus	0	3	12	15	2	4	6	5	8	3	37	36
District Totals	0	56	109	165	6	36	42	7	45	8	267	148
District 14												
Durham	1	140	404	545	2	17	19	30	217	11	822	216
District 15A												
Alamance	0	31	77	108	5	26	31	14	17	9	179	78
District 15B												
Chatham	0	1	26	27	0	0	0	8	4	1	40	25
Orange	0	54	118	172	0	5	5	8	37	4	226	194
District Totals	0	55	144	199	0	5	5	16	41	5	266	219
District 16												
Robeson	0	220	121	341	10	15	25	64	84	17	531	231
Scotland	0	43	88	131	2	0	2	19	41	1	194	106
District Totals	0	263	209	472	12	15	27	83	125	18	725	337
District 17A												
Caswell	0	5	4	9	0	1	1	1	7	0	18	8
Rockingham	2	62	78	142	0	12	12	15	19	4	192	95
District Totals	2	67	82	151	0	13	13	16	26	4	210	103
District 17B												
Stokes	0	30	42	72	10	4	14	19	11	3	119	38
Surry	0	112	51	163	15	6	21	9	30	11	234	61
District Totals	0	142	93	235	25	10	35	28	41	14	353	99
District 18												
Guilford	0	285	779	1,064	65	90	155	121	85	20	1,445	485

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	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor	Total	Truancy	Other	Total					
<u>District 19A</u>												
Cabarrus	0	43	58	101	1	6	7	16	27	5	156	101
Rowan	3	83	247	333	91	72	163	195	38	14	743	131
District Totals	3	126	305	434	92	78	170	211	65	19	899	232
<u>District 19B</u>												
Montgomery	0	3	14	17	4	2	6	3	2	2	30	24
Randolph	0	50	96	146	9	37	46	21	2	5	220	107
District Totals	0	53	110	163	13	39	52	24	4	7	250	131
<u>District 20</u>												
Anson	0	16	16	32	0	0	0	1	8	0	41	19
Moore	0	80	69	149	0	0	0	6	123	9	287	93
Richmond	0	87	56	143	1	6	7	3	24	2	179	76
Stanly	0	19	39	58	3	0	3	3	5	3	72	38
Union	0	84	104	188	6	15	21	26	59	7	301	135
District Totals	0	286	284	570	10	21	31	39	219	21	880	361
<u>District 21</u>												
Forsyth	0	87	163	250	6	58	64	9	76	16	415	300
<u>District 22</u>												
Alexander	0	4	16	20	4	10	14	2	5	1	42	38
Davidson	0	105	138	243	2	37	39	31	30	8	351	146
Davie	0	21	24	45	5	4	9	2	15	1	72	22
Iredell	0	4	108	112	4	40	44	10	18	0	184	80
District Totals	0	134	286	420	15	91	106	45	68	10	649	286
<u>District 23</u>												
Alleghany	0	2	4	6	3	0	3	2	3	1	15	10
Ashe	0	12	24	36	7	6	13	3	12	1	65	39
Wilkes	0	38	90	128	30	11	41	32	100	4	305	111
Yadkin	0	10	110	120	13	6	19	13	46	8	206	52
District Totals	0	62	228	290	53	23	76	50	161	14	591	212
<u>District 24</u>												
Avery	0	12	4	16	1	14	15	10	5	1	47	46
Madison	1	2	10	13	2	4	6	4	11	4	38	29
Mitchell	0	17	9	26	0	5	5	7	8	1	47	19
Watauga	0	22	24	46	1	12	13	7	23	0	89	34
Yancey	0	1	3	4	0	3	3	3	0	2	12	12
District Totals	1	54	50	105	4	38	42	31	47	8	233	140
<u>District 25</u>												
Burke	0	76	100	176	20	43	63	12	28	2	281	126
Caldwell	0	47	79	126	33	83	116	35	21	8	306	87
Catawba	4	106	70	180	6	27	33	37	34	15	299	118
District Totals	4	229	249	482	59	153	212	84	83	25	886	331
<u>District 26</u>												
Mecklenburg	0	384	591	975	15	99	114	9	184	1	1,283	617
<u>District 27A</u>												
Gaston	1	190	295	486	0	37	37	45	19	11	598	293
<u>District 27B</u>												
Cleveland	0	89	71	160	3	8	11	20	15	17	223	111
Lincoln	0	19	39	58	0	10	10	13	12	6	99	56
District Totals	0	108	110	218	3	18	21	33	27	23	322	167



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<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	0	133	211	344	24	170	194	63	59	18	678	220
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	0	1	83	84	27	28	55	10	15	2	166	61
McDowell	0	20	11	31	12	9	21	16	21	6	95	60
Polk	0	2	3	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	8	8
Rutherford	0	36	48	84	14	13	27	23	35	14	183	62
Transylvania	0	16	16	32	13	1	14	16	9	3	74	47
District Totals	0	75	161	236	66	51	117	67	81	25	526	238
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	0	7	9	16	1	1	2	0	3	1	22	17
Clay	0	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
Graham	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	4	2	8	6
Haywood	0	14	7	21	4	7	11	5	6	8	51	64
Jackson	0	6	8	14	1	6	7	2	6	1	30	29
Macon	0	1	10	11	0	1	1	1	1	0	14	14
Swain	0	0	4	4	2	4	6	1	4	1	16	93
District Totals	0	32	44	76	9	19	28	9	24	13	150	232
State Totals	14	4,577	7,692	12,283	591	1,632	2,223	1,500	2,370	492	18,868	8,190

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<u>District 1</u>																
Camden	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
Chowan	26	5	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	34
Currituck	34	5	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	6	5	1	6	51
Dare	7	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	13
Gates	4	2	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Pasquotank	83	23	106	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	111
Perquimans	10	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	14
District Totals	168	44	212	2	0	2	1	0	1	14	1	15	7	1	8	238
<u>District 2</u>																
Beaufort	54	18	72	1	0	1	10	2	12	18	0	18	0	0	0	103
Hyde	32	5	37	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
Martin	14	8	22	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	22	28	1	1	2	53
Tyrrell	3	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Washington	17	0	17	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	20
District Totals	120	33	153	3	0	3	11	6	17	24	22	46	1	2	3	222
<u>District 3</u>																
Carteret	56	26	82	3	0	3	15	5	20	12	1	13	4	2	6	124
Craven	138	61	199	6	9	15	34	4	38	54	13	67	16	6	22	341
Pamlico	18	1	19	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
Pitt	229	100	329	9	3	12	60	3	63	50	7	57	1	2	3	464
District Totals	441	188	629	18	12	30	109	13	122	116	21	137	21	10	31	949
<u>District 4</u>																
Duplin	47	1	48	2	2	4	1	0	1	6	1	7	0	0	0	60
Jones	0	3	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	9
Onslow	92	46	138	5	5	10	26	0	26	41	2	43	30	0	30	247
Sampson	73	6	79	1	0	1	11	6	17	23	13	36	18	6	24	157
District Totals	212	56	268	8	7	15	40	6	46	73	17	90	48	6	54	473
<u>District 5</u>																
New Hanover	554	29	583	60	1	61	5	0	5	18	1	19	3	0	3	671
Pender	30	1	31	6	0	6	7	0	7	3	0	3	3	0	3	50
District Totals	584	30	614	66	1	67	12	0	12	21	1	22	6	0	6	721
<u>District 6</u>																
Bertie	22	0	22	6	5	11	7	0	7	1	0	1	3	0	3	44
Halifax	116	47	163	0	8	8	2	11	13	4	12	16	0	1	1	201
Hertford	9	30	39	0	0	0	0	4	4	6	4	10	3	3	6	59
Northampton	11	1	12	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	7	9	0	0	0	22
District Totals	158	78	236	6	13	19	10	15	25	13	23	36	6	4	10	326

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<u>District 7</u>																
Edgecombe	162	55	217	11	3	14	17	6	23	32	0	32	1	0	1	287
Nash	111	29	140	11	3	14	16	4	20	20	1	21	10	0	10	205
Wilson	148	36	184	4	3	7	10	0	10	17	0	17	6	3	9	227
District Totals	421	120	541	26	9	35	43	10	53	69	1	70	17	3	20	719
<u>District 8</u>																
Greene	3	8	11	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	14
Lenoir	163	128	291	23	10	33	12	2	14	28	14	42	3	0	3	383
Wayne	159	27	186	17	4	21	20	5	25	56	1	57	4	0	4	293
District Totals	325	163	488	41	14	55	33	7	40	85	15	100	7	0	7	690
<u>District 9</u>																
Franklin	30	0	30	8	0	8	2	2	4	6	1	7	1	0	1	50
Granville	33	12	45	1	4	5	5	1	6	7	1	8	2	1	3	67
Person	20	17	37	5	6	11	25	2	27	24	3	27	1	0	1	103
Vance	88	53	141	4	9	13	11	4	15	8	3	11	6	3	9	189
Warren	7	0	7	6	2	8	2	3	5	15	2	17	8	1	9	46
District Totals	178	82	260	24	21	45	45	12	57	60	10	70	18	5	23	455
<u>District 10</u>																
Wake	360	27	387	16	3	19	81	8	89	76	3	79	53	3	56	630
<u>District 11</u>																
Harnett	171	11	182	42	2	44	29	8	37	217	16	233	30	4	34	530
Johnston	56	157	213	12	9	21	4	11	15	53	96	149	6	3	9	407
Lee	42	41	83	2	2	4	2	6	8	2	15	17	0	2	2	114
District Totals	269	209	478	56	13	69	35	25	60	272	127	399	36	9	45	1,051
<u>District 12</u>																
Cumberland	270	244	514	146	111	257	88	22	110	95	19	114	32	10	42	1,037
Hoke	28	6	34	3	9	12	50	1	51	37	1	38	4	0	4	139
District Totals	298	250	548	149	120	269	138	23	161	132	20	152	36	10	46	1,176
<u>District 13</u>																
Bladen	20	18	38	5	4	9	2	0	2	0	5	5	1	0	1	55
Brunswick	100	28	128	17	15	32	1	0	1	12	6	18	2	1	3	182
Columbus	31	7	38	18	2	20	16	0	16	63	2	65	11	0	11	150
District Totals	151	53	204	40	21	61	19	0	19	75	13	88	14	1	15	387
<u>District 14</u>																
Durham	444	241	685	11	7	18	5	16	21	173	79	252	18	1	19	995

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<u>District 15A</u>																
Alamance	99	20	119	26	5	31	11	3	14	13	2	15	6	3	9	188
<u>District 15B</u>																
Chatham	29	12	41	0	2	2	8	0	8	3	0	3	0	0	0	54
Orange	264	43	307	13	2	15	14	4	18	122	22	144	13	4	17	501
District Totals	293	55	348	13	4	17	22	4	26	125	22	147	13	4	17	555
<u>District 16</u>																
Robeson	286	43	329	12	0	12	53	10	63	75	14	89	18	1	19	512
Scotland	127	15	142	2	0	2	24	3	27	48	7	55	0	1	1	227
District Totals	413	58	471	14	0	14	77	13	90	123	21	144	18	2	20	739
<u>District 17A</u>																
Caswell	3	11	14	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	1	18
Rockingham	87	39	126	7	8	15	10	4	14	13	10	23	4	2	6	184
District Totals	90	50	140	7	9	16	10	4	14	15	10	25	5	2	7	202
<u>District 17B</u>																
Stokes	64	12	76	14	1	15	13	0	13	4	4	8	4	0	4	116
Surry	202	7	209	15	4	19	5	2	7	26	5	31	12	2	14	280
District Totals	266	19	285	29	5	34	18	2	20	30	9	39	16	2	18	396
<u>District 18</u>																
Guilford	527	157	684	79	30	109	85	11	96	60	29	89	17	7	24	1,002
<u>District 19A</u>																
Cabarrus	102	2	104	5	1	6	20	0	20	25	0	25	3	2	5	160
Rowan	228	46	274	87	21	108	136	19	155	79	5	84	13	3	16	637
District Totals	330	48	378	92	22	114	156	19	175	104	5	109	16	5	21	797
<u>District 19B</u>																
Montgomery	91	13	104	9	3	12	6	1	7	24	0	24	3	0	3	150
Randolph	408	64	472	64	28	92	31	1	32	8	1	9	6	0	6	611
District Totals	499	77	576	73	31	104	37	2	39	32	1	33	9	0	9	761
<u>District 20</u>																
Anson	19	18	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	8	0	0	0	45
Moore	93	56	149	0	0	0	1	5	6	104	19	123	9	0	9	287
Richmond	133	89	222	1	5	6	13	9	13	35	25	60	7	3	10	311
Stanly	109	21	130	0	0	0	11	3	14	42	15	57	6	2	8	209
Union	187	11	198	12	8	20	13	0	13	55	3	58	7	0	7	296
District Totals	541	195	736	13	13	26	29	17	46	241	65	306	29	5	34	1,148



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<u>District 21</u>																
Forsyth	242	9	251	28	36	64	10	0	10	71	5	76	16	0	16	417
<u>District 22</u>																
Alexander	6	7	13	3	9	12	1	1	2	3	3	6	0	1	1	34
Davidson	198	30	228	13	6	19	26	7	33	35	5	40	5	3	8	328
Davie	44	3	47	12	2	14	8	2	10	13	1	14	1	1	2	87
Iredell	52	6	58	16	16	32	8	0	8	16	0	16	0	0	0	114
District Totals	300	46	346	44	33	77	43	10	53	67	9	76	6	5	11	563
<u>District 23</u>																
Alleghany	2	4	6	2	1	3	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	16
Ashe	29	30	59	14	4	18	2	0	2	28	0	28	2	0	2	109
Wilkes	106	4	110	36	3	39	20	4	24	100	5	105	6	0	6	284
Yadkin	87	41	128	22	0	22	12	4	16	28	18	46	6	2	8	220
District Totals	224	79	303	74	8	82	37	9	46	157	24	181	15	2	17	629
<u>District 24</u>																
Avery	30	11	41	27	5	32	35	1	36	14	0	14	6	1	7	130
Madison	32	11	43	10	2	12	30	4	34	64	14	78	25	4	29	196
Mitchell	17	11	28	5	1	6	8	7	15	29	2	31	1	0	1	81
Watauga	51	4	55	11	1	12	6	1	7	18	0	18	0	0	0	92
Yancey	14	6	20	21	2	23	14	4	18	19	1	20	4	1	5	86
District Totals	144	43	187	74	11	85	93	17	110	144	17	161	36	6	42	585
<u>District 25</u>																
Burke	142	44	186	81	25	106	55	6	61	229	17	246	10	0	10	609
Caldwell	97	46	143	119	39	158	66	5	71	60	3	63	20	1	21	456
Catawba	127	44	171	26	14	40	55	0	55	36	6	42	8	0	8	316
District Totals	366	134	500	226	78	304	176	11	187	325	26	351	38	1	39	1,381
<u>District 26</u>																
Mecklenburg	584	220	804	38	36	74	12	1	13	118	37	155	0	0	0	1,046
<u>District 27A</u>																
Gaston	287	119	406	21	13	34	41	4	45	19	0	19	11	0	11	515
<u>District 27B</u>																
Cleveland	136	40	176	5	3	8	6	3	9	18	0	18	17	1	18	229
Lincoln	30	27	57	6	4	10	5	4	9	2	5	7	3	1	4	87
District Totals	166	67	233	11	7	18	11	7	18	20	5	25	20	2	22	316
<u>District 28</u>																
Buncombe	146	96	242	68	93	161	40	9	49	41	10	51	17	2	19	522

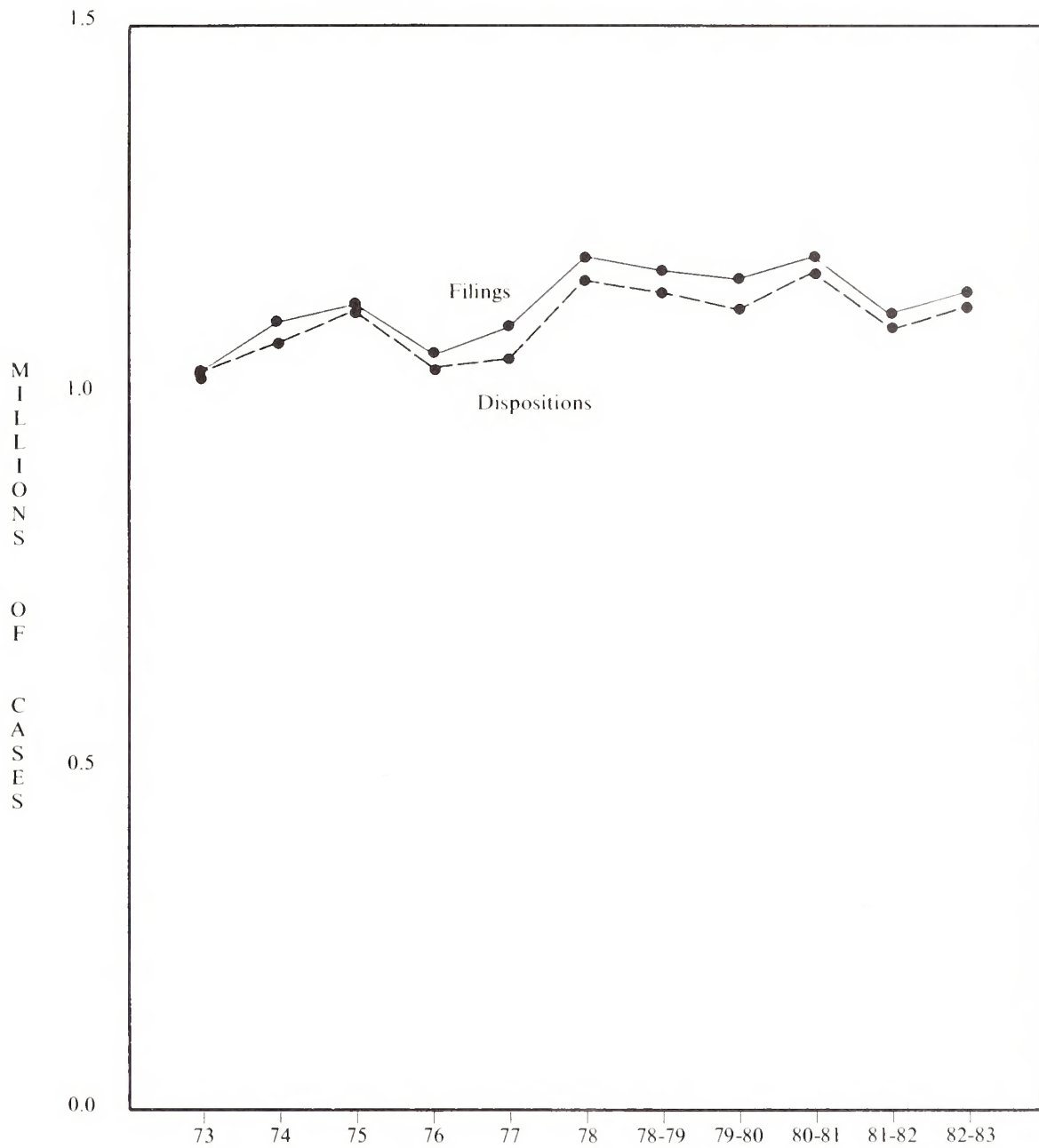
# ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS FOR JUVENILE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	Delinquency Hearings			Undisciplined Hearings			Dependency Hearings			Neglect Hearings			Abuse Hearings			Total Hearings
	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<u>District 29</u>																
Henderson	78	7	85	44	10	54	6	4	10	52	15	67	2	1	3	219
McDowell	25	6	31	22	0	22	9	3	12	13	0	13	3	0	3	81
Polk	6	1	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
Rutherford	73	12	85	9	1	10	24	0	24	19	1	20	6	0	6	145
Transylvania	18	4	22	11	1	12	12	2	14	4	6	10	1	3	4	62
District Totals	200	30	230	86	12	98	52	9	61	89	22	111	12	4	16	516
<u>District 30</u>																
Cherokee	15	1	16	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	1	0	1	22
Clay	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Graham	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	6
Haywood	15	4	19	2	1	3	7	2	9	7	6	13	0	0	0	44
Jackson	8	5	13	4	3	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	0	0	0	24
Macon	8	0	8	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	11
Swain	4	0	4	3	3	6	1	0	1	4	0	4	1	0	1	16
District Totals	60	10	70	10	10	20	8	3	11	18	11	29	2	0	2	132
State Totals	9,906	3,106	13,012	1,492	697	2,189	1,550	296	1,846	3,015	683	3,698	590	107	697	21,442

# FILING AND DISPOSITION TRENDS OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1973-1983



Motor vehicle cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district courts. The increase in filings and dispositions shown here during 1982-83 was a direct result of a 7.6% increase in motor vehicle filings and a

4.3% increase in motor vehicle dispositions. During the 1982-83 year, 64.5% of the criminal district court filings and 64.3% of dispositions were traffic cases.

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 1</u>				
Camden	564	333	210	543
Chowan	1,091	722	383	1,105
Currituck	2,074	1,251	608	1,859
Dare	4,923	3,193	1,353	4,546
Gates	992	643	414	1,057
Pasquotank	2,278	1,319	877	2,196
Perquimans	1,178	934	269	1,203
District Totals	13,100	8,395	4,114	12,509
<u>District 2</u>				
Beaufort	4,829	2,812	1,989	4,801
Hyde	834	434	387	821
Martin	3,057	1,716	1,329	3,045
Tyrrell	400	215	164	379
Washington	1,060	711	317	1,028
District Totals	10,180	5,888	4,186	10,074
<u>District 3</u>				
Carteret	5,943	3,011	2,756	5,767
Craven	10,165	5,671	4,515	10,186
Pamlico	659	358	322	680
Pitt	7,553	3,893	3,425	7,318
District Totals	24,320	12,933	11,018	23,951
<u>District 4</u>				
Duplin	4,534	2,400	1,878	4,278
Jones	1,197	625	438	1,063
Onslow	10,636	4,768	6,082	10,850
Sampson	7,476	4,811	2,734	7,545
District Totals	23,843	12,604	11,132	23,736
<u>District 5</u>				
New Hanover	12,973	6,018	6,596	12,614
Pender	3,458	1,718	1,675	3,393
District Totals	16,431	7,736	8,271	16,007
<u>District 6</u>				
Bertie	3,012	1,919	913	2,832
Halifax	10,535	5,477	4,609	10,086
Hertford	3,306	2,064	1,085	3,149
Northampton	4,099	2,318	1,995	4,313
District Totals	20,952	11,778	8,602	20,380
<u>District 7</u>				
Edgecombe	4,923	3,356	1,727	5,083
Nash	8,582	5,845	3,003	8,848
Wilson	5,869	3,982	2,458	6,440
District Totals	19,374	13,183	7,188	20,371
<u>District 8</u>				
Greene	1,722	1,088	572	1,660
Lenoir	7,404	3,894	3,314	7,208
Wayne	10,924	6,008	4,847	10,855
District Totals	20,050	10,990	8,733	19,723
<u>District 9</u>				
Franklin	2,065	1,018	1,099	2,117
Granville	4,401	2,727	1,647	4,374
Person	2,133	1,005	1,144	2,149
Vance	5,485	3,177	2,033	5,210
Warren	2,582	1,378	1,129	2,507
District Totals	16,666	9,305	7,052	16,357



# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	<u>Total Filed</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		
		<u>Waiver</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>
<u>District 10</u>				
Wake	52,897	24,896	26,682	51,578
<u>District 11</u>				
Harnett	5,657	2,902	2,630	5,532
Johnston	9,353	4,809	4,748	9,557
Lee	4,355	2,646	1,524	4,170
District Totals	19,365	10,357	8,902	19,259
<u>District 12</u>				
Cumberland	30,003	14,834	14,282	29,116
Hoke	2,665	1,740	828	2,568
District Totals	32,668	16,574	15,110	31,684
<u>District 13</u>				
Bladen	4,667	2,328	2,519	4,847
Brunswick	4,058	1,976	2,069	4,045
Columbus	5,713	2,741	3,052	5,793
District Totals	14,438	7,045	7,640	14,685
<u>District 14</u>				
Durham	17,080	9,102	7,165	16,267
<u>District 15A</u>				
Alamance	13,199	7,900	5,415	13,315
<u>District 15B</u>				
Chatham	3,770	2,024	1,637	3,661
Orange	10,050	4,826	4,708	9,534
District Totals	13,820	6,850	6,345	13,195
<u>District 16</u>				
Robeson	11,691	5,440	6,647	12,087
Scotland	3,633	1,966	1,632	3,598
District Totals	15,324	7,406	8,279	15,685
<u>District 17A</u>				
Caswell	1,957	1,207	706	1,913
Rockingham	9,395	5,885	3,400	9,285
District Totals	11,352	7,092	4,106	11,198
<u>District 17B</u>				
Stokes	2,673	1,530	1,107	2,637
Surry	6,675	3,991	2,517	6,508
District Totals	9,348	5,521	3,624	9,145
<u>District 18</u>				
Guilford	39,510	17,961	18,342	36,303
High Point	13,592	7,264	6,329	13,593
District Totals	53,102	25,225	24,671	49,896
<u>District 19A</u>				
Cabarrus	13,205	8,312	4,759	13,071
Rowan	11,672	7,632	3,755	11,387
District Totals	24,877	15,944	8,514	24,458
<u>District 19B</u>				
Montgomery	4,098	2,776	1,490	4,266
Randolph	8,215	5,003	3,052	8,055
District Totals	12,313	7,779	4,542	12,321

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 20</u>				
Anson	3,701	2,279	1,253	3,532
Moore	6,560	2,682	3,498	6,180
Richmond	3,442	1,814	1,544	3,358
Stanly	5,193	2,885	2,176	5,061
Union	5,881	3,375	2,326	5,701
District Totals	24,777	13,035	10,797	23,832
<u>District 21</u>				
Forsyth	39,682	20,143	19,674	39,817
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	1,840	778	1,151	1,929
Davidson	13,351	8,283	5,333	13,616
Davie	3,287	2,124	1,196	3,320
Iredell	8,880	5,595	2,785	8,380
District Totals	27,358	16,780	10,465	27,245
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	687	413	278	691
Ashe	2,135	1,351	774	2,125
Wilkes	6,555	3,352	2,556	5,908
Yadkin	4,133	2,656	1,489	4,145
District Totals	13,510	7,772	5,097	12,869
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	1,555	840	944	1,784
Madison	1,181	689	488	1,177
Mitchell	661	359	283	642
Watauga	3,935	2,324	1,607	3,931
Yancey	1,524	775	671	1,446
District Totals	8,856	4,987	3,993	8,980
<u>District 25</u>				
Burke	10,784	7,290	3,716	11,006
Caldwell	6,724	3,506	3,024	6,530
Catawba	13,661	7,546	5,837	13,383
District Totals	31,169	18,342	12,577	30,919
<u>District 26</u>				
Mecklenburg	47,098	25,178	21,624	46,802
<u>District 27A</u>				
Gaston	18,480	8,923	9,123	18,046
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	6,839	3,860	2,890	6,750
Lincoln	3,843	1,872	1,633	3,505
District Totals	10,682	5,732	4,523	10,255
<u>District 28</u>				
Buncombe	19,492	12,838	6,458	19,296
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	6,309	4,533	2,174	6,707
McDowell	3,771	2,406	1,223	3,629
Polk	1,488	929	584	1,513
Rutherford	4,801	2,864	1,612	4,476
Transylvania	1,744	1,062	754	1,816
District Totals	18,113	11,794	6,347	18,141

# MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	<u>Total Filed</u>	<u>Waiver</u>	<u>Dispositions</u> <u>Other</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>
<u>District 30</u>				
Cherokee	1,965	1,130	795	1,925
Clay	422	241	151	392
Graham	474	310	188	498
Haywood	5,902	3,973	1,604	5,577
Jackson	2,308	1,446	900	2,346
Macon	2,365	1,466	774	2,240
Swain	1,165	672	394	1,066
District Totals	14,601	9,238	4,806	14,044
State Totals	728,517	399,265	316,775	716,040

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 1</u>						
Camden	6	149	155	147	94.8	8
Chowan	41	631	672	631	93.8	41
Currituck	48	735	783	729	93.1	54
Dare	210	1,307	1,517	1,142	75.2	375
Gates	4	210	214	194	90.6	20
Pasquotank	128	2,004	2,132	2,014	94.4	118
Perquimans	10	332	342	285	83.3	57
District Totals	447	5,368	5,815	5,142	88.4	673
<u>District 2</u>						
Beaufort	93	2,659	2,752	2,637	95.8	115
Hyde	19	445	464	380	81.8	84
Martin	113	1,293	1,406	1,323	94.0	83
Tyrrell	35	182	217	204	94.0	13
Washington	27	782	809	799	98.7	10
District Totals	287	5,361	5,648	5,343	94.5	305
<u>District 3</u>						
Carteret	794	4,117	4,911	3,934	80.1	977
Craven	600	4,448	5,048	4,434	87.8	614
Pamlico	59	514	573	507	88.4	66
Pitt	736	7,926	8,662	7,882	90.9	780
District Totals	2,189	17,005	19,194	16,757	87.3	2,437
<u>District 4</u>						
Duplin	287	2,376	2,663	2,458	92.3	205
Jones	88	453	541	412	76.1	129
Onslow	605	7,945	8,550	7,765	90.8	785
Sampson	370	3,224	3,594	3,230	89.8	364
District Totals	1,350	13,998	15,348	13,865	90.4	1,483
<u>District 5</u>						
New Hanover	1,012	9,896	10,908	9,682	88.7	1,226
Pender	196	1,102	1,298	1,037	79.8	261
District Totals	1,208	10,998	12,206	10,719	87.8	1,487
<u>District 6</u>						
Bertie	66	940	1,006	957	95.1	49
Halifax	403	3,863	4,266	3,797	89.0	469
Hertford	177	1,546	1,723	1,539	89.3	184
Northampton	88	881	969	907	93.6	62
District Totals	734	7,230	7,964	7,200	90.4	764
<u>District 7</u>						
Edgecombe	621	4,966	5,587	4,910	87.8	677
Nash	826	5,580	6,406	5,666	88.4	740
Wilson	995	5,012	6,007	4,691	78.0	1,316
District Totals	2,442	15,558	18,000	15,267	84.8	2,733
<u>District 8</u>						
Greene	46	813	859	818	95.2	41
Lenoir	555	4,401	4,956	4,502	90.8	454
Wayne	943	6,614	7,557	6,326	83.7	1,231
District Totals	1,544	11,828	13,372	11,646	87.0	1,726



# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 9</u>						
Franklin	226	1,780	2,006	1,861	92.7	145
Granville	158	2,106	2,264	2,065	91.2	199
Person	226	1,603	1,829	1,652	90.3	177
Vance	333	2,598	2,931	2,663	90.8	268
Warren	76	895	971	884	91.0	87
District Totals	1,019	8,982	10,001	9,125	91.2	876
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	5,440	26,261	31,701	26,775	84.4	4,926
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	362	3,333	3,695	3,345	90.5	350
Johnston	455	4,897	5,352	4,919	91.9	433
Lee	300	3,646	3,946	3,623	91.8	323
District Totals	1,117	11,876	12,993	11,887	91.4	1,106
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	3,762	20,232	23,994	20,494	85.4	3,500
Hoke	208	1,386	1,594	1,433	89.8	161
District Totals	3,970	21,618	25,588	21,927	85.6	3,661
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	283	2,373	2,656	2,408	90.6	248
Brunswick	449	2,397	2,846	2,390	83.9	456
Columbus	399	4,188	4,587	4,125	89.9	462
District Totals	1,131	8,958	10,089	8,923	88.4	1,166
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	2,728	13,046	15,774	13,536	85.8	2,238
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	747	6,276	7,023	6,288	89.5	735
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	123	1,821	1,944	1,725	88.7	219
Orange	591	4,246	4,837	4,200	86.8	637
District Totals	714	6,067	6,781	5,925	87.3	856
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	924	8,633	9,557	8,620	90.1	937
Scotland	344	2,986	3,330	3,025	90.8	305
District Totals	1,268	11,619	12,887	11,645	90.3	1,242
<u>District 17A</u>						
Caswell	55	732	787	731	92.8	56
Rockingham	602	6,019	6,621	6,180	93.3	441
District Totals	657	6,751	7,408	6,911	93.2	497
<u>District 17B</u>						
Stokes	96	1,034	1,130	1,031	91.2	99
Surry	375	2,849	3,224	2,934	91.0	290
District Totals	471	3,883	4,354	3,965	91.0	389
<u>District 18</u>						
Guilford	8,402	26,041	34,443	25,185	73.1	9,258

# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	595	4,761	5,356	4,651	86.8	705
Rowan	650	3,971	4,621	3,668	79.3	953
District Totals	1,245	8,732	9,977	8,319	83.3	1,658
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	278	2,053	2,331	2,104	90.2	227
Randolph	571	4,136	4,707	4,085	86.7	622
District Totals	849	6,189	7,038	6,189	87.9	849
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	164	2,086	2,250	1,937	86.0	313
Moore	369	3,871	4,240	3,862	91.0	378
Richmond	426	2,964	3,390	2,826	83.3	564
Stanly	303	2,280	2,583	2,164	83.7	419
Union	342	3,790	4,132	3,762	91.0	370
District Totals	1,604	14,991	16,595	14,551	87.6	2,044
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	3,157	17,218	20,375	16,253	79.7	4,122
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	218	1,177	1,395	1,285	92.1	110
Davidson	872	7,237	8,109	7,267	89.6	842
Davie	114	805	919	788	85.7	131
Iredell	931	5,161	6,092	5,078	83.3	1,014
District Totals	2,135	14,380	16,515	14,418	87.3	2,097
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	32	268	300	275	91.6	25
Ashe	89	794	883	713	80.7	170
Wilkes	343	2,934	3,277	2,787	85.0	490
Yadkin	96	826	922	818	88.7	104
District Totals	560	4,822	5,382	4,593	85.3	789
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	138	478	616	483	78.4	133
Madison	86	424	510	444	87.0	66
Mitchell	75	269	344	287	83.4	57
Watauga	305	1,004	1,309	894	68.2	415
Yancey	108	437	545	396	72.6	149
District Totals	712	2,612	3,324	2,504	75.3	820
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	383	3,715	4,098	3,669	89.5	429
Caldwell	966	4,017	4,983	3,619	72.6	1,364
Catawba	619	6,034	6,653	6,023	90.5	630
District Totals	1,968	13,766	15,734	13,311	84.6	2,423
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	7,853	34,281	42,134	34,534	81.9	7,600
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	2,443	13,164	15,607	13,367	85.6	2,240

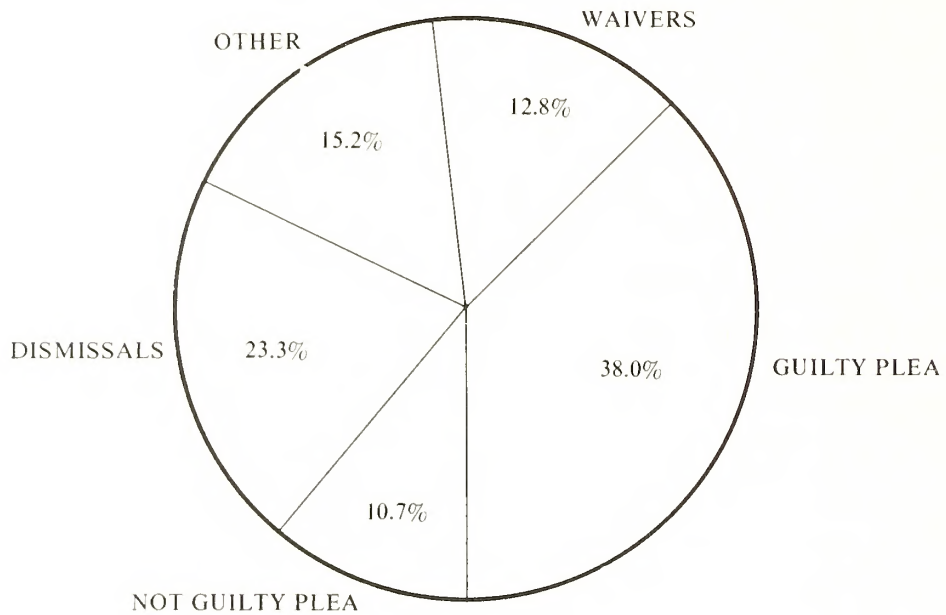
# CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Pending 7/1/82	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/83
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	328	3,995	4,323	3,946	91.2	377
Lincoln	212	2,244	2,456	2,266	92.2	190
District Totals	540	6,239	6,779	6,212	91.6	567
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	1,101	10,329	11,430	10,382	90.8	1,048
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	535	3,361	3,896	3,151	80.8	745
McDowell	216	1,670	1,886	1,527	80.9	359
Polk	76	520	596	508	85.2	88
Rutherford	466	2,908	3,374	2,632	78.0	742
Transylvania	108	980	1,088	917	84.2	171
District Totals	1,401	9,439	10,840	8,735	80.5	2,105
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	129	829	958	787	82.1	171
Clay	22	164	186	143	76.8	43
Graham	52	311	363	326	89.8	37
Haywood	549	2,327	2,876	2,569	89.3	307
Jackson	314	872	1,186	1,088	91.7	98
Macon	326	632	958	626	65.3	332
Swain	55	489	544	482	88.6	62
District Totals	1,447	5,624	7,071	6,021	85.1	1,050
State Totals	64,880	400,515	465,390	397,420	85.4	67,970

# METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

1982-1983



Guilty pleas continue to represent the largest method of disposition of non-motor vehicle cases in the district

courts. The waivers depicted here are worthless check cases.



# MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

	Total Disposed	Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy		% Disposed By Waiver
		Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate			Trial Dismissal	Other	
District 1												
Camden	147	0	0	25	19	12	0	19	14	0	58	.0
Chowan	631	60	2	217	29	116	0	44	82	0	81	9.8
Currituck	729	9	11	180	163	152	1	36	130	0	47	2.7
Dare	1,142	12	30	435	160	84	4	53	271	0	93	3.6
Gates	194	9	19	53	47	29	1	6	18	0	12	14.4
Pasquotank	2,014	102	60	826	45	509	2	148	273	0	49	8.0
Perquimans	285	17	0	70	36	58	0	26	32	0	46	5.9
District Totals	5,142	209	122	1,806	499	960	8	332	820	0	386	6.4
District 2												
Beaufort	2,637	470	46	922	141	453	0	128	199	0	278	19.5
Hyde	380	0	16	94	70	63	0	59	29	0	49	4.2
Martin	1,323	191	97	526	34	175	0	103	84	0	113	21.7
Tyrrell	204	16	8	17	16	62	1	22	4	0	58	11.7
Washington	799	147	36	180	75	174	0	100	57	0	30	22.9
District Totals	5,343	824	203	1,739	336	927	1	412	373	0	528	19.2
District 3												
Carteret	3,934	293	220	1,092	630	166	3	230	1,192	0	108	13.0
Craven	4,434	584	160	1,312	160	402	0	172	1,292	0	352	16.7
Pamlico	507	14	25	114	82	44	0	22	178	0	28	7.6
Pitt	7,882	1,375	879	2,369	164	705	0	578	1,495	0	317	28.5
District Totals	16,757	2,266	1,284	4,887	1,036	1,317	3	1,002	4,157	0	805	21.1
District 4												
Duplin	2,458	264	220	1,011	7	69	1	114	286	0	486	19.7
Jones	412	24	13	146	68	44	2	14	70	0	31	8.9
Onslow	7,765	1,216	390	2,844	268	480	0	41	1,112	0	1,414	20.6
Sampson	3,230	593	318	1,253	14	106	5	4	389	0	548	28.2
District Totals	13,865	2,097	941	5,254	357	699	8	173	1,857	0	2,479	21.9
District 5												
New Hanover	9,682	822	297	3,491	129	1,280	2	1,425	2,006	0	230	11.5
Pender	1,037	15	12	389	128	180	0	83	176	0	54	2.6
District Totals	10,719	837	309	3,880	257	1,460	2	1,508	2,182	0	284	10.6
District 6												
Bertie	957	18	44	289	78	207	0	78	140	0	103	6.4
Halifax	3,797	238	89	1,123	298	531	0	301	854	0	363	8.6
Hertford	1,539	210	65	474	62	205	2	136	115	0	270	17.8
Northampton	907	30	57	251	100	155	3	71	152	0	88	9.5
District Totals	7,200	496	255	2,137	538	1,098	5	586	1,261	0	824	10.4
District 7												
Edgecombe	4,910	654	252	1,450	303	737	1	236	1,036	0	241	18.4
Nash	5,666	1,179	387	1,704	172	549	0	254	1,162	0	259	27.6
Wilson	4,691	549	240	1,746	172	500	0	463	928	0	93	16.8
District Totals	15,267	2,382	879	4,900	647	1,786	1	953	3,126	0	593	21.3
District 8												
Greene	818	141	2	196	36	67	0	88	184	0	104	17.4
Lenoir	4,502	168	0	1,491	563	352	0	259	1,302	0	367	3.7
Wayne	6,326	431	696	1,866	157	389	0	58	2,096	0	633	17.8
District Totals	11,646	740	698	3,553	756	808	0	405	3,582	0	1,104	12.3

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District 9												
Franklin	1,861	306	72	529	43	249	0	311	302	0	49	20.3
Granville	2,065	301	165	728	65	296	2	151	281	0	76	22.5
Person	1,652	188	16	499	74	337	0	84	259	0	195	12.3
Vance	2,663	410	166	935	3	354	0	130	448	0	217	21.6
Warren	884	63	40	201	82	177	0	52	228	0	41	11.6
District Totals	9,125	1,268	459	2,892	267	1,413	2	728	1,518	0	578	18.9
District 10												
Wake	26,775	248	4,937	8,382	1,133	1,798	0	2,189	7,043	0	1,045	19.3
District 11												
Harnett	3,345	414	421	922	66	361	0	223	564	0	374	24.9
Johnston	4,919	665	517	1,580	177	568	0	251	804	0	357	24.0
Lee	3,623	842	66	1,159	0	444	0	183	519	0	410	25.0
District Totals	11,887	1,921	1,004	3,661	243	1,373	0	657	1,887	0	1,141	24.6
District 12												
Cumberland	20,494	273	3,976	6,712	216	1,545	0	67	5,697	0	2,008	20.7
Hoke	1,433	51	251	447	38	235	0	41	235	0	135	21.0
District Totals	21,927	324	4,227	7,159	254	1,780	0	108	5,932	0	2,143	20.7
District 13												
Bladen	2,408	98	224	810	263	223	0	102	570	0	118	13.3
Brunswick	2,390	119	27	767	254	210	0	70	830	0	113	6.1
Columbus	4,125	318	928	1,296	96	419	0	127	723	0	218	30.2
District Totals	8,923	535	1,179	2,873	613	852	0	299	2,123	0	449	19.2
District 14												
Durham	13,536	698	864	5,573	4	674	0	552	4,023	0	1,148	11.5
District 15A												
Alamance	6,288	489	50	2,766	170	908	0	477	1,135	0	293	8.5
District 15B												
Chatham	1,725	68	87	350	608	126	0	160	259	0	67	8.9
Orange	4,200	515	0	1,544	288	275	0	224	1,058	0	296	12.2
District Totals	5,925	583	87	1,894	896	401	0	384	1,317	0	363	11.3
District 16												
Robeson	8,620	1,182	55	4,184	66	997	0	1,037	662	0	437	14.3
Scotland	3,025	332	34	1,383	118	368	1	214	209	0	366	12.0
District Totals	11,645	1,514	89	5,567	184	1,365	1	1,251	871	0	803	13.7
District 17A												
Caswell	731	32	0	160	36	220	0	70	131	0	82	4.3
Rockingham	6,180	361	38	2,062	440	1,263	0	232	793	0	991	6.4
District Totals	6,911	393	38	2,222	476	1,483	0	302	924	0	1,073	6.2
District 17B												
Stokes	1,031	50	36	207	67	110	2	73	245	0	241	8.3
Surry	2,934	249	0	669	129	329	0	236	630	0	692	8.4
District Totals	3,965	299	36	876	196	439	2	309	875	0	933	8.4
District 18												
Guilford	25,185	292	606	9,570	1,517	2,747	5	571	7,165	0	2,712	3.5

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District 19A												
Cabarrus	4,651	358	224	1,412	327	892	0	436	632	0	370	12.5
Rowan	3,668	110	124	1,068	173	985	1	525	404	0	278	6.3
District Totals	8,319	468	348	2,480	500	1,877	1	961	1,036	0	648	9.8
District 19B												
Montgomery	2,104	209	0	378	473	344	0	165	502	0	33	9.9
Randolph	4,085	745	0	1,279	39	571	0	373	983	0	95	18.2
District Totals	6,189	954	0	1,657	512	915	0	538	1,485	0	128	15.4
District 20												
Anson	1,937	197	0	500	143	424	0	278	353	0	42	10.1
Moore	3,862	533	376	948	112	449	0	314	696	0	434	23.5
Richmond	2,826	192	52	786	116	530	0	236	560	0	354	8.6
Stanly	2,164	314	15	605	147	185	0	215	440	0	243	15.2
Union	3,762	558	6	1,090	55	826	2	339	610	0	276	14.9
District Totals	14,551	1,794	449	3,929	573	2,414	2	1,382	2,659	0	1,349	15.4
District 21												
Forsyth	16,253	1	1,860	5,073	68	3,264	0	1,555	3,038	0	1,394	11.4
District 22												
Alexander	1,285	32	19	333	182	124	0	34	417	0	144	3.9
Davidson	7,267	341	140	2,202	304	873	1	166	2,028	0	1,212	6.6
Davie	788	50	18	218	0	99	0	36	260	0	107	8.6
Iredell	5,078	350	0	1,841	274	560	2	212	1,539	0	300	6.8
District Totals	14,418	773	177	4,594	760	1,656	3	448	4,244	0	1,763	6.5
District 23												
Alleghany	275	22	3	75	17	77	1	14	54	0	12	9.0
Aske	713	50	79	196	60	126	0	12	124	0	66	18.0
Wilkes	2,787	186	88	756	67	786	4	151	453	0	296	9.8
Yadkin	818	58	9	282	44	174	0	35	152	0	64	8.1
District Totals	4,593	316	179	1,309	188	1,163	5	212	783	0	438	10.7
District 24												
Avery	483	97	0	46	47	60	1	26	118	0	88	20.0
Madison	444	21	2	47	24	43	0	18	199	2	88	5.1
Mitchell	287	13	0	106	7	42	0	14	82	0	23	4.5
Watauga	894	102	40	174	12	86	3	10	273	0	194	15.8
Yancey	396	8	1	55	99	70	0	29	94	0	40	2.2
District Totals	2,504	241	43	428	189	301	4	97	766	2	433	11.3
District 25												
Burke	3,669	298	209	849	124	312	0	504	1,065	0	308	13.8
Caldwell	3,619	248	0	994	334	226	0	222	1,029	0	566	6.8
Catawba	6,023	535	130	1,991	244	533	0	592	1,488	0	510	11.0
District Totals	13,311	1,081	339	3,834	702	1,071	0	1,318	3,582	0	1,384	10.6
District 26												
Mecklenburg	34,534	1,113	7	10,179	3,480	2,577	0	2,340	11,075	0	3,763	3.2
District 27A												
Gaston	13,367	749	22	4,145	485	1,285	0	133	4,447	0	2,101	5.7
District 27B												
Cleveland	3,946	425	4	1,217	45	324	0	323	1,225	0	383	10.8
Lincoln	2,266	225	89	627	235	258	0	151	460	0	221	13.8
District Totals	6,212	650	93	1,844	280	582	0	474	1,685	0	604	11.9

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<u>District 28</u>												
Buncombe	10,382	1,082	453	5,277	43	437	3	815	1,345	0	927	14.7
<u>District 29</u>												
Henderson	3,151	2	5	1,132	593	63	0	194	1,026	0	136	.2
McDowell	1,527	100	28	612	162	120	0	123	358	0	24	8.3
Polk	508	22	4	168	0	13	0	45	148	0	108	5.1
Rutherford	2,632	259	1	849	154	270	3	102	586	0	408	9.8
Transylvania	917	37	49	333	148	19	0	53	244	0	34	9.3
District Totals	8,735	420	87	3,094	1,057	485	3	517	2,362	0	710	5.8
<u>District 30</u>												
Cherokee	787	4	18	201	3	9	0	96	256	0	200	2.7
Clay	143	1	6	42	12	11	1	11	46	0	13	4.8
Graham	326	1	4	56	58	35	1	14	99	0	58	1.5
Haywood	2,569	118	43	813	65	144	4	291	1,049	0	42	6.2
Jackson	1,088	19	21	168	174	13	1	80	269	0	343	3.6
Macon	626	20	12	147	139	30	0	80	144	0	54	5.1
Swain	482	20	0	110	94	28	1	22	191	0	16	4.1
District Totals	6,021	183	104	1,537	545	270	8	594	2,054	0	726	4.7
State Totals	397,420	28,240	22,428	130,971	19,761	42,585	67	24,582	92,732	2	36,052	12.8



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District 1																
Camden	8	23.5	29.5	8	0	0	0	0	147	43.3	25.0	121	7	17	2	0
Chowan	41	96.7	45.0	28	4	3	2	4	631	20.6	13.0	602	18	7	1	3
Currituck	54	57.2	23.0	46	4	0	0	4	729	25.9	17.0	664	52	6	6	1
Dare	375	223.6	115.0	120	70	17	75	93	1,142	30.1	20.0	993	116	28	5	0
Gates	20	19.7	20.0	20	0	0	0	0	194	19.0	12.5	181	13	0	0	0
Pasquotank	118	47.6	14.0	105	3	5	4	1	2,014	25.2	20.0	1,935	59	5	12	3
Perquimans	57	39.2	16.0	54	0	0	1	2	285	16.4	13.0	277	6	1	0	1
District Totals	673	147.6	45.0	381	81	25	82	104	5,142	25.6	17.0	4,773	271	64	26	8
District 2																
Beaufort	115	92.2	27.0	75	5	14	13	8	2,637	17.2	7.0	2,540	50	10	22	15
Hyde	84	30.3	23.0	79	2	2	0	1	380	16.9	14.0	371	9	0	0	0
Martin	83	148.2	24.0	58	1	12	5	7	1,323	29.0	11.0	1,200	65	27	11	20
Tyrrell	13	50.1	20.0	12	0	0	0	1	204	34.1	21.0	167	18	18	1	0
Washington	10	33.4	42.0	10	0	0	0	0	799	17.0	9.0	759	26	10	3	1
District Totals	305	86.7	23.0	234	8	28	18	17	5,343	20.7	8.0	5,037	168	65	37	36
District 3																
Carteret	977	172.9	57.0	498	142	83	104	150	3,934	43.3	21.0	3,206	453	133	81	61
Craven	614	90.8	30.0	445	62	31	28	48	4,434	43.0	20.0	3,633	555	125	71	50
Pamlico	66	118.2	20.0	47	2	4	2	11	507	38.2	17.0	421	60	16	2	8
Pitt	780	140.4	35.0	525	123	35	32	65	7,882	36.2	20.0	6,667	782	236	146	51
District Totals	2,437	140.3	42.0	1,515	329	153	166	274	16,757	39.7	20.0	13,927	1,850	510	300	170
District 4																
Duplin	205	104.4	37.0	122	31	8	27	17	2,458	37.5	27.0	2,058	266	64	54	16
Jones	129	228.0	211.0	37	13	6	39	34	412	37.8	24.0	344	39	23	6	0
Onslow	785	40.0	24.0	640	96	29	20	0	7,765	30.1	17.0	6,826	683	157	76	23
Sampson	364	65.4	27.0	278	46	21	8	11	3,230	43.4	29.0	2,527	492	133	73	5
District Totals	1,483	71.5	29.0	1,077	186	64	94	62	13,865	34.7	29.0	11,755	1,480	377	209	44
District 5																
New Hanover	1,226	143.1	38.0	711	161	65	122	167	9,682	31.0	15.0	8,571	771	120	151	69
Pender	261	411.2	192.0	102	12	13	28	106	1,037	38.8	16.0	922	76	16	12	11
District Totals	1,487	190.2	45.0	813	173	78	150	273	10,719	31.8	15.0	9,493	847	136	163	80
District 6																
Bertie	49	36.0	23.0	43	5	0	1	0	957	18.8	13.0	909	41	6	0	1
Halifax	469	62.7	36.0	318	90	14	46	1	3,797	38.8	24.0	3,131	473	122	45	26
Hertford	184	72.3	42.0	118	35	16	10	5	1,539	38.6	15.0	1,318	132	31	31	27
Northampton	62	54.6	28.0	42	12	1	7	0	907	24.9	13.0	819	70	10	5	3
District Totals	764	62.6	37.0	521	142	31	64	6	7,200	34.3	19.0	6,177	716	169	81	57

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District 7																
Edgecombe	677	69.6	15.0	527	61	28	24	37	4,910	40.3	21.0	3,900	708	160	111	31
Nash	740	123.7	35.0	482	84	44	38	92	5,666	43.5	21.0	4,401	788	266	186	25
Wilson	1,316	204.5	101.0	392	366	129	214	215	4,691	61.5	32.0	3,143	845	315	341	47
District Totals	2,733	149.2	58.0	1,401	511	201	276	344	15,267	48.0	25.0	11,444	2,341	741	638	103
District 8																
Greene	41	36.3	22.0	34	5	2	0	0	818	30.6	17.0	727	57	16	15	3
Lenoir	454	53.2	34.0	316	96	21	18	3	4,502	46.4	28.0	3,282	845	231	134	10
Wayne	1,231	62.6	36.0	815	256	75	69	16	6,326	54.4	31.0	4,555	1,037	380	323	31
District Totals	1,726	59.5	35.0	1,165	357	98	87	19	11,646	49.6	29.0	8,564	1,939	627	472	44
District 9																
Franklin	145	513.8	86.0	66	14	5	8	52	1,861	49.6	17.0	1,631	157	20	18	35
Granville	199	93.7	24.0	150	19	7	11	12	2,065	26.8	13.0	1,828	187	21	21	8
Person	177	153.7	23.0	111	16	1	14	35	1,652	32.2	15.0	1,495	92	33	20	12
Vance	268	98.0	30.0	197	24	11	11	25	2,663	32.2	18.0	2,315	244	65	36	3
Warren	87	59.3	35.0	56	20	7	2	2	884	49.1	16.0	765	57	15	27	20
District Totals	876	173.3	30.0	580	93	31	46	126	9,125	36.2	16.0	8,034	737	154	122	78
District 10																
Wake	4,926	131.3	59.0	2,508	937	557	480	444	26,775	68.2	33.0	18,246	4,280	1,609	2,134	506
District 11																
Harnett	350	111.8	30.0	219	65	11	23	32	3,345	31.2	18.0	2,916	272	96	60	1
Johnston	433	106.4	36.0	287	62	32	19	33	4,919	34.2	17.0	4,158	517	162	66	16
Lee	323	189.0	44.0	188	28	14	19	74	3,623	25.6	14.0	3,199	344	54	22	4
District Totals	1,106	132.2	37.0	694	155	57	61	139	11,887	30.7	16.0	10,273	1,133	312	148	21
District 12																
Cumberland	3,500	62.6	38.0	2,301	692	277	197	33	20,494	68.2	42.0	12,730	4,221	1,885	1,526	132
Hoke	161	47.9	29.0	118	25	15	3	0	1,433	34.7	22.0	1,201	165	41	23	3
District Totals	3,661	62.0	38.0	2,419	717	292	200	33	21,927	66.0	40.0	13,931	4,386	1,926	1,549	135
District 13																
Bladen	248	170.4	50.5	140	20	17	21	50	2,408	39.4	22.0	1,952	333	52	60	11
Brunswick	456	226.9	90.0	207	42	17	73	117	2,390	55.5	32.5	1,670	475	124	94	27
Columbus	462	126.1	42.5	305	48	14	34	61	4,125	33.9	21.0	3,481	489	91	56	8
District Totals	1,166	174.9	52.0	652	110	48	128	228	8,923	41.2	24.0	7,103	1,297	267	210	46
District 14																
Durham	2,238	132.6	52.0	1,255	381	123	208	271	13,536	80.3	31.0	9,619	2,266	682	437	532

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/83 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1982-83

	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365				>365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365
District 15A															
Alamance	735	176.3	66.0	358	89	36	99	153	29.7	19.0	5,650	455	91	76	16
District 15B															
Chatham	219	42.8	24.0	174	28	10	7	0	30.5	20.0	1,535	134	39	16	1
Orange	637	109.3	30.0	420	44	40	97	36	41.5	23.0	3,467	459	149	91	34
District Totals	856	92.3	29.0	594	72	50	104	36	38.3	22.0	5,002	593	188	107	35
District 16															
Robeson	937	46.9	20.0	755	103	41	23	15	42.7	22.0	7,118	943	306	194	59
Scotland	305	205.0	73.0	145	37	38	31	54	30.9	16.0	2,766	169	30	28	32
District Totals	1,242	85.7	22.0	900	140	79	54	69	39.6	21.0	9,884	1,112	336	222	91
District 17A															
Caswell	56	37.8	9.5	51	2	0	2	1	28.1	19.0	667	51	3	8	2
Rockingham	441	70.4	24.0	313	52	18	49	9	32.6	20.0	5,428	567	131	35	19
District Totals	497	66.7	21.0	364	54	18	51	10	32.1	20.0	6,095	618	134	43	21
District 17B															
Stokes	99	43.5	24.0	75	20	2	0	2	38.6	24.0	871	115	27	12	6
Surry	290	41.0	23.0	236	33	15	3	3	37.4	27.0	2,449	355	99	28	3
District Totals	389	41.6	23.0	311	53	17	3	5	37.7	25.0	3,320	470	126	40	9
District 18															
Guilford	9,258	273.0	160.5	2,864	1,235	769	1,728	2,662	97.0	43.0	15,661	4,900	1,542	1,409	1,673
District 19A															
Cabarrus	705	197.3	73.0	325	68	65	86	161	33.4	22.0	4,154	345	69	71	12
Rowan	953	286.6	204.0	286	123	44	185	315	36.9	19.0	3,281	259	46	48	34
District Totals	1,658	248.6	136.0	611	191	109	271	476	34.9	21.0	7,435	604	115	119	46
District 19B															
Montgomery	227	32.5	21.0	205	15	1	6	0	43.0	21.0	1,761	207	63	46	27
Randolph	622	50.4	27.5	494	79	15	25	9	45.9	31.0	3,189	634	146	105	11
District Totals	849	45.6	24.0	699	94	16	31	9	44.9	28.0	4,950	841	209	151	38
District 20															
Anson	313	64.1	28.0	243	28	16	20	6	38.4	28.0	1,611	255	44	22	5
Moore	378	89.1	28.0	237	45	42	39	15	37.9	17.0	3,356	337	57	40	72
Richmond	564	272.8	176.0	179	40	64	122	159	24.2	15.0	2,615	171	21	15	4
Stanly	419	204.2	121.0	174	35	21	86	103	40.7	18.0	1,921	154	18	21	50
Union	370	177.6	22.0	279	27	7	12	45	32.8	15.0	3,473	176	42	32	39
District Totals	2,044	175.6	45.0	1,112	175	150	279	328	34.4	17.0	12,976	1,093	182	130	170



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	Total Pending	Mean Age				Median Age				Total Disposed	Mean Age	Total Disposed	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)					
		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365	0-60	61-120	121-180				181-365	>365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				
District 21	4,122	429.4	275.0	1,296	301	188	507	1,830	16,253	37.8	18.0	14,862	876	176	125	214							
Forsyth																							
District 22	110	92.3	34.0	67	25	5	6	7	1,285	45.6	21.0	1,047	137	52	24	25							
Alexander	842	78.1	30.0	569	114	64	63	32	7,267	41.1	20.0	5,960	834	211	218	44							
Davidson	131	153.4	64.0	57	41	10	10	13	788	40.2	27.5	631	126	24	5	2							
Davie	1,014	181.6	62.0	506	111	35	169	193	5,078	42.5	28.0	4,130	613	217	97	21							
Iredell																							
District Totals	2,097	133.6	43.0	1,199	291	114	248	245	14,418	41.9	23.0	11,768	1,710	504	344	92							
District 23	25	23.8	14.0	23	1	1	0	0	275	29.6	15.0	242	20	9	3	1							
Alleghany	170	222.3	223.0	51	21	10	43	45	713	28.1	14.0	643	43	6	19	2							
Ashe	490	193.7	94.0	214	46	30	138	62	2,787	45.3	15.0	2,429	206	42	37	73							
Wilkes	104	49.3	23.0	82	17	2	1	2	818	35.8	16.0	684	84	29	17	4							
Yadkin																							
District Totals	789	175.4	85.0	370	85	43	182	109	4,593	40.0	15.0	3,998	353	86	76	80							
District 24	133	458.8	337.0	37	14	4	13	65	483	62.5	29.0	329	105	8	26	15							
Avery	66	125.5	51.5	39	7	12	5	3	444	89.1	42.0	280	62	52	29	21							
Madison	57	445.9	252.0	20	6	1	5	25	287	54.3	35.0	203	54	20	7	3							
Mitchell	415	427.2	317.0	78	43	42	57	195	894	62.2	27.0	658	139	23	57	17							
Watauga	149	241.7	265.0	59	5	5	25	55	396	42.9	20.0	337	41	4	5	9							
Yancey																							
District Totals	820	375.6	245.0	233	75	64	105	343	2,504	63.1	28.0	1,807	401	107	124	65							
District 25	429	60.5	17.0	351	28	9	22	19	3,669	33.5	21.0	3,186	321	111	42	9							
Burke	1,364	356.6	329.0	306	100	73	233	652	3,619	36.2	22.0	3,056	423	61	67	12							
Caldwell	630	62.5	27.5	457	111	22	26	14	6,023	37.6	21.0	4,916	777	208	110	12							
Catawba																							
District Totals	2,423	227.7	79.0	1,114	239	104	281	685	13,311	36.1	22.0	11,158	1,521	380	219	33							
District 26	7,600	176.7	58.0	3,864	1,503	726	662	845	34,534	103.6	35.0	23,079	6,072	1,396	1,780	2,207							
Mecklenburg																							
District 27A	2,240	110.1	52.0	1,236	399	185	307	113	13,367	65.1	43.0	8,840	2,989	751	584	203							
Gaston																							
District 27B	377	46.3	17.0	325	31	7	7	7	3,946	30.3	21.0	3,507	345	59	29	6							
Cleveland	190	57.9	30.0	138	23	19	8	2	2,266	40.0	25.0	1,957	203	49	29	28							
Lincoln																							
District Totals	567	50.2	24.0	463	54	26	15	9	6,212	33.8	22.0	5,464	548	108	58	34							
District 28	1,048	86.6	30.0	657	106	85	192	8	10,382	37.3	20.0	9,138	763	139	205	137							
Buncombe																							



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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365				0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	>365
District 29																
Henderson	745	134.6	44.0	411	89	42	117	86	3,151	50.3	29.0	2,382	509	113	114	33
McDowell	359	296.0	171.0	135	28	21	58	117	1,527	33.0	22.0	1,271	220	19	15	2
Polk	88	198.2	73.0	43	8	13	15	9	508	47.4	24.0	390	71	31	11	5
Rutherford	742	266.3	129.0	258	98	63	174	149	2,632	44.0	25.0	2,096	390	76	50	20
Transylvania	171	83.7	37.0	108	19	21	20	3	917	46.1	27.0	721	120	47	16	13
District Totals	2,105	207.1	83.0	955	242	160	384	364	8,735	44.8	25.0	6,860	1,310	286	206	73
District 30																
Cherokee	171	116.2	57.0	97	30	9	19	16	787	62.9	34.0	582	133	22	30	20
Clay	43	179.7	195.0	13	3	4	19	4	143	52.6	22.0	124	6	0	7	6
Graham	37	40.4	30.0	32	2	3	0	0	326	64.9	27.0	271	20	4	17	14
Haywood	307	164.6	44.0	171	21	12	31	72	2,569	95.4	25.0	1,958	224	99	107	181
Jackson	98	103.8	60.5	49	21	20	5	3	1,088	137.5	32.0	667	106	52	100	163
Macon	332	907.8	812.0	55	7	5	21	244	626	33.2	15.5	539	42	28	15	2
Swain	62	146.1	35.0	38	4	4	9	7	482	50.2	25.0	384	52	20	19	7
District Totals	1,050	381.2	100.0	455	88	57	104	346	6,021	86.0	26.0	4,525	583	225	295	393
State Totals	67,970	182.2	59.0	34,870	9,666	4,782	7,667	10,985	397,420	54.0	24.0	310,848	51,523	14,720	12,839	7,490

# RANKINGS FOR THE 34 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED\*

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	17	13	11	30	26	23	12
	2	24	19	22	1	34	19	1
	3	20	7	13	11	14	22	14
	4	31	14	15	22	20	30	8
	5	10	9	1	26	12	28	16
	6	30	10	27	23	30	1	9
	7	14	4	5	13	33	32	28
	8	8	6	6	10	9	13	15
II	9	16	20	18	15	16	9	3
	10	12	32	23	34	21	26	26
	11	2	3	9	7	18	6	4
	12	33	15	16	4	13	31	23
	13	21	34	30	19	27	18	13
	14	15	23	29	25	2	21	21
	15A	23	21	14	6	11	2	11
	158	19	1	2	31	32	34	17
	16	9	29	34	5	22	24	10
III	17A	1	5	17	21	17	5	2
	178	4	16	8	3	10	11	5
	18	34	26	25	20	6	25	34
	19A	13	22	26	8	7	17	29
	19B	29	33	33	2	4	3	18
	20	26	8	4	17	19	29	20
	21	11	17	20	14	1	10	32
	22	7	18	12	9	8	15	19
	23	22	24	28	18	15	4	24
IV	24	25	25	24	33	25	20	33
	25	18	27	19	29	5	14	27
	26	28	31	31	16	29	7	30
	27A	3	12	3	27	23	16	25
	278	5	2	10	12	3	8	6
	28	6	11	7	28	24	12	7
	29	32	28	21	24	28	27	31
	30	27	30	32	32	31	33	22

\*Total Caseload = Cases pending on July 1, 1982 + new cases filed during the 1982-83 year. A rank of 1 indicates the highest percentage of total caseload disposed; a rank of 34 indicates the lowest percentage of total caseload disposed.

# RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON PERCENT TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED \*

July 1, 1982 — June 30, 1983

Judicial District	County	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	8	15	96	5	43	4	5
	Chowan	50	65	17	84	90	90	9
	Currituck	12	20	14	54	62	8	12
	Dare	74	59	63	99	82	55	95
	Gates	30	14	43	57	15	84	35
	Pasquotank	56	36	12	33	48	69	6
	Perquimans	62	8	57	91	84	44	77
2	Beaufort	89	68	73	3	98	34	2
	Hyde	79	96	94	1	78	76	82
	Martin	27	32	4	78	89	70	7
	Tyrrell	20	1	59	18	51	85	8
	Washington	29	16	51	15	56	57	1
3	Carteret	66	23	45	37	53	87	86
	Craven	52	12	18	38	50	35	59
	Pamlico	44	55	64	60	32	81	57
	Pitt	51	43	38	39	14	53	29
4	Duplin	71	37	61	72	72	73	15
	Jones	69	42	1	34	93	94	94
	Onslow	92	52	70	77	35	91	32
	Sampson	39	34	10	59	61	52	43
5	New Hanover	21	35	3	76	20	80	53
	Pender	80	51	80	68	85	93	87
6	Bertie	6	27	39	61	75	20	4
	Halifax	76	33	83	88	77	2	51
	Hertford	97	21	26	31	69	1	49
	Northampton	96	62	87	13	36	5	10
7	Edgecombe	48	22	13	7	68	79	58
	Nash	17	18	46	47	79	96	56
	Wilson	46	28	19	81	86	83	91
8	Greene	87	9	8	2	58	19	3
	Lenoir	41	29	28	8	13	27	31
	Wayne	15	30	36	70	30	47	74
9	Franklin	55	60	24	86	74	49	14
	Granville	42	73	77	19	1	46	22
	Person	40	19	31	11	52	31	39
	Vance	49	76	49	62	70	12	33
	Warren	65	99	95	16	59	7	25
10	Wake	36	87	60	94	63	68	71
11	Harnett	38	44	22	41	60	3	38
	Johnston	5	13	47	4	11	23	18
	Lee	7	17	16	90	92	36	19
12	Cumberland	84	53	44	27	33	88	68
	Hoke	63	5	21	12	44	21	44
13	Bladen	28	69	90	23	7	6	36
	Brunswick	32	91	71	79	46	75	73
	Columbus	82	98	69	51	97	64	42
14	Durham	43	66	75	73	6	54	65
15A	Alamance	60	64	34	30	28	10	47
15B	Chatham	26	10	5	42	80	66	52
	Orange	61	6	27	92	76	98	61
16	Robeson	45	63	74	22	45	59	41
	Scotland	3	97	100	28	91	67	30

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Judicial District	County	Superior Court				Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates		Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17A	Caswell	2	2	7	29	23	30	13
	Rockingham	9	31	54	66	49	17	11
	Stokes	4	77	52	21	29	24	23
	Surry	25	45	25	10	26	39	26
18	Guilford	90	74	62	56	21	61	96
19A	Cabarrus	58	81	79	43	37	78	62
	Rowan	14	38	40	25	8	13	89
19B	Montgomery	91	82	88	17	25	33	40
	Randolph	72	90	85	9	10	11	63
20	Anson	88	84	30	97	88	86	64
	Moore	77	26	37	46	27	77	28
	Richmond	67	7	35	58	73	97	79
	Stanly	99	49	41	55	94	63	75
	Union	37	3	2	6	4	38	27
21	Forsyth	31	56	56	45	3	25	88
22	Alexander	94	4	11	26	9	16	17
	Davidson	16	83	48	32	17	28	46
	Davie	70	24	55	14	39	100	66
	Iredell	11	50	29	40	31	42	78
23	Alleghany	85	70	9	44	24	48	21
	Ashe	75	86	91	20	65	41	85
	Wilkes	54	71	68	63	38	9	70
	Yadkin	64	54	67	67	34	26	54
24	Avery	78	78	72	65	55	62	90
	Madison	98	100	86	64	64	71	60
	Mitchell	57	88	42	100	54	29	76
	Watauga	59	46	23	87	57	45	99
	Yancey	19	25	78	93	100	56	97
25	Burke	86	95	82	83	22	51	48
	Caldwell	53	61	33	69	16	40	98
	Catawba	34	58	53	85	19	32	37
26	Mecklenburg	73	85	84	48	71	18	81
27A	Gaston	10	39	20	74	66	43	67
27B	Cleveland	23	11	50	49	5	22	24
	Lincoln	13	57	15	24	18	15	16
28	Buncombe	22	40	32	80	67	37	34
29	Henderson	95	47	58	50	40	95	84
	McDowell	33	72	6	89	41	14	83
	Polk	68	89	98	53	12	60	69
	Rutherford	93	80	66	35	81	65	92
	Transylvania	47	92	93	96	99	58	72
30	Cherokee	24	93	81	98	95	99	80
	Clay	1	48	92	75	47	74	93
	Graham	18	79	89	36	2	72	45
	Haywood	81	75	76	52	42	89	50
	Jackson	83	67	65	82	96	50	20
	Macon	100	94	97	95	87	82	100
	Swain	35	41	99	71	83	92	55

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